**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE FRANCIS EUGENE YOUNG OF COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Francis Eugene Young of Columbia will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on March 9, 2012; and

Whereas, Mr. Young, born in Alcolu, came into this world on March 9, 1922, in the early part of the twentieth century, and he has been witness to many of the incredible changes and developments that have come to this nation from that time into the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, answering the call of his country, he served in World War II as a United States Army Air Corps flight engineer on a B‑24 Liberator Bomber and was a POW. Back home, he served as commander of the VFW for fifteen years and commander of the American Legion for twenty‑nine years and was a member of the D. A. V. and a major in the South Carolina Guard; and

Whereas, during his civilian career, Mr. Young was the owner and operator of full‑service gas stations in Columbia and Manning and owner of Whites Home & Auto franchise; and

Whereas, he and his wife, Vashti (deceased), raised two daughters, Loretta Schultz and Frances Ann Register, who have given their parents the joy of four grandchildren and four great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, a man of faith, Francis Eugene Young is a member of Clarendon Baptist Church in Alcolu; and

Whereas, to honor Mr. Young on his nonagenarian birthday, family and friends will gather around him at a celebratory event to be held on March 4, 2012, in Columbia; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to honor this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and joins with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Francis Eugene Young of Columbia on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday, and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Francis Eugene Young.

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