**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ALICE REMBERT WALKER OF CHESTER COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Alice Rembert Walker of Chester County will celebrate her eightieth birthday on March 1, 2012; and

Whereas, Alice Rembert Walker came into this world on March 1, 1932, in the early part of the twentieth century, and she 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, the youngest of ten children, she was born the daughter of the Reverend Isaac Rembert and Lucinda Jefferson Rembert of Pineville; and

Whereas, having graduated from Burke High School in Charleston, she earned her bachelor’s degree in home economics and a master’s degree in education, both at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg; and

Whereas, in 1957, she moved to Chester and served as a home demonstration agent with the Clemson Extension. For the 1959‑1960 school year, she began teaching home economics at Finley High School. Her next teaching assignment took her to Chester High School, after which she took up her duties at the Chester County Career Center, where she taught food service until her retirement in 1989. In 1988, Mrs. Walker was selected as Chester County Career Center Teacher of the Year; and

Whereas, in 1960, she met and married Deacon John Harvey Walker, Jr., and with him parented three beautiful daughters, Karen, Wanda, and Marlyne, who have given their parents the joy of two grandchildren and two great‑grandchildren. After the untimely death of her husband in 1973, Mrs. Walker continued rearing her girls in a Christian home and saw that each one completed her college education; and

Whereas, Alice Rembert Walker has continued to work in the field of education since her retirement. In addition to her volunteer work as a tutor, she is past president of the Chester County Education Association, parliamentarian of the American Home Economics Association, and vice president of the Chester County Retired Teachers Association; and

Whereas, believing strongly in active community involvement, she is past vice president of the Great Falls Branch of the NAACP and past vice president and board member of the Clemson Extension. In 1996, she was appointed by Governor David Beasley to the Chester County Department of Social Services Board. Currently, she is president of Magna Klumba and is an alternate delegate for the Chester County Democratic Party. She has been recognized multiple times for outstanding service to the community; and

Whereas, as a woman of faith, Alice Rembert Walker is a committed member of Chester’s Calvary Baptist Church, where she has served in many ways over the years. Currently, she serves in several capacities, among them vice president of the Deacons’ Wives and president of the Madison Worthy Usher Board; and

Whereas, when not spending time with her family or church, she enjoys participating as a serious competitor in the local, state, and national Senior Sports Classics, to name just one of her numerous sports endeavors; and

Whereas, to honor Mrs. Walker on her octogenarian birthday, family and friends will gather around her at a celebratory event to be held on March 3, 2012, at Calvary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her eightieth birthday and joins with her family and friends in congratulating her 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 Alice Rembert Walker of Chester County on the occasion of her eightieth birthday, and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Alice Rembert Walker.

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