**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY, TO COMMEND THE LIBRARY FOR THE OUTSTANDING JOB IT DOES IN SERVING THE CITIZENS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY, AND TO WISH THIS VENERABLE INSTITUTION MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

Whereas, it is incumbent upon a free people that its citizens educate themselves, that they may rightly judge in considering the issues of the day and assessing those elected to govern; and

Whereas, because free public libraries are open to all and can be a primary aid in obtaining this education, they are a critical part of the public services a community offers its citizens; and

Whereas, the Lexington County Public Library System, now celebrating its one hundredth anniversary, has sought to be an accessible public resource for the education and pleasure of its patrons since its inception a century ago; and

Whereas, the library system, which now consists of ten branches and one bookmobile, originated in 1912 under the auspices of the Batesburg Woman’s Club. Its modest startup inventory boasted three hundred twenty‑five books situated in a donated bookcase in the old Batesburg Town Hall; and

Whereas, from 1948 to 1998, the Batesburg‑Leesville Branch Library served as system headquarters, after which time headquarters was moved to its current facility in Lexington; and

Whereas, holding fast to its commitment to provide quality resources and services to the citizens, businesses, and schools of the community, the Lexington County Public Library System continues to enrich the lives of residents of Lexington County through information and community engagement; and

Whereas, the library system continues to play a pivotal role in its community by supporting economic development, education, technology literacy, lifelong learning, and recreation; and

Whereas, grateful for the Lexington County Public Library System’s century of valuable service to its community, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in congratulating the library at the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary. The members, many of whom have benefitted from the library’s offerings, also extend sincerest wishes for many more years of continued excellence in service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Lexington County Public Library System on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary, commend the library for the outstanding job it does in serving the citizens of Lexington County, and wish this venerable institution much continued success in the future.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Lexington County Public Library System.

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