**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. ELIZABETH ORR HARRIS OF ANDERSON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Elizabeth “Libby” Orr Harris of Anderson County will be honored for reaching her centennial birthday, surrounded by family and friends at a celebration to honor her on Saturday, March 24, 2012; and

Whereas, born in Chester County’s Edgemoor on March 23, 1912, she was the daughter of Sadie Wood and Alwin Hartwell Orr and was lovingly reared and attended local schools in Edgemoor; and

Whereas, from the early part of the twentieth century into the present day, she has witnessed many amazing advancements, developments, and changes; and

Whereas, she attended Winthrop College in Rock Hill for three years and graduated from Queen’s College in Charlotte, North Carolina, with a degree in home economics; and

Whereas, after graduation, Libby moved to Anderson where she began her teaching career as an Anderson County home‑demonstration agent in the Townville area; and

Whereas, there she met the owner of the ESSO Service Station, Patrick Bradley Harris, who became her beloved husband on June 30, 1936, at Edgemoor’s Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and together they reared a fine son, Pat Harris, Jr., who blessed them with two loving grandchildren, Patrick and Elizabeth; and

Whereas, from 1969 to 1996, her devoted husband, Patrick Harris, Sr., served faithfully and with distinction in the South Carolina House of Representatives; and

Whereas, from 1945 to 1950, Libby taught home economics at Anderson Girl’s High School, and in 1950, she transferred to Anderson Junior High, now McCant’s Middle School, in District 5, where she taught until she retired in 1976; and

Whereas, she continued as a substitute teacher and as a homebound instructor, and after sixty‑three years in the teaching profession in the Anderson County Public School System, “Miss Lib”, as she is affectionately known, retired for a second and final time in 1997; and

Whereas, she is a longtime, faithful member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Anderson, where she was actively involved in the Business Women’s Circle; and

Whereas, all her life, she enjoyed a passion for cooking, and many of her delectable recipes can still be found in her celebrated “Recipe Bible”; and

Whereas, in later years she became an accomplished crochet artist, sharing her afghans, beautiful crocheted creations, with those who were ill, those in need, and those who sought a little comfort and love, and her signature, “Made By Elizabeth O. Harris,” is on every one; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor this outstanding daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her one hundredth birthday and join 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 Mrs. Elizabeth Orr Harris of Anderson County on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday, and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Elizabeth “Libby” Orr Harris.

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