**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE GLADYS HURLEY BOULWARE, FORMERLY OF ROCK HILL, ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH 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 Gladys Hurley Boulware, formerly of Rock Hill, will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on May 9, 2012; and

Whereas, born in Johnston to James M. and Ellen Waller Hurley, Gladys Vinetta Hurley, as she was then, came into this world on May 9, 1912, 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, in preparation for her life’s work, the young Gladys graduated in 1937 from South Carolina State University with a major in home economics. She afterwards furthered her education through graduate work at Hampton Institute in Virginia and Columbia University in New York; and

Whereas, she and her husband, educator Richard F. Boulware (deceased), were married for sixty‑three years and raised a fine daughter, Barbara Clyde Boulware Keith, who has given her parents the joy of one grandchild and two great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, over the course of her long career as an educator, Mrs. Boulware taught at several schools, including Johnston High School, Penn School on St. Helena Island, Saluda High School (her own alma mater), Bettis Junior College in Trenton, Emmett Scott High School in Rock Hill, and Castle Heights Junior High, also in Rock Hill. In 1974, she retired after thirty‑six years of teaching; and

Whereas, away from school, Gladys and Richard Boulware were avid gardeners and had one of the finest gardens in Rock Hill. While they grew a wide variety of plants, their homegrown tomatoes were legendary, and Gladys’s old‑fashioned cooking, superb as it was, was made even more delicious through use of the Boulwares’ abundant gardening produce; and

Whereas, Gladys Boulware believed strongly in active community involvement, and she demonstrated that commitment through membership in the York County Economic Opportunity Commission (appointed to serve by Governor Donald Russell), Rock Hill Parks and Recreation Board (ten years’ service), NAACP, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, among other organizations; and

Whereas, as people of faith, Mrs. Boulware and her husband were active members of St. Matthews AME Zion Methodist Church, where she served as financial recording secretary for nearly three decades. She also played the piano for Sunday School, taught adult classes and Vacation Bible School, and for a time served as president of the parent body of the local missionary society. She is still considered the “Mother of the Church”; and

Whereas, although since 2008 she has lived in Las Vegas, Nevada, with family, she has not forgotten her love for her longtime home State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her one hundredth 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 Gladys Hurley Boulware, formerly of Rock Hill, 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 provided to Gladys Hurley Boulware.

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