**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE KATIE RICHARD GILLIARD, A NATIVE OF COLLETON COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 Katie Richard Gilliard, a native of Colleton County, will celebrate her one hundred second birthday on May 22, 2012; and

Whereas, born on May 22, 1910, young Katie came into this world 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, as a young girl, she attended school in Colleton County. Marriage brought her and her husband, Richmond Gilliard (now deceased), a fine family of three children, Cleveland, Lee, and Freezie, who have given their parents the joy of numerous grandchildren, great‑grandchildren, and great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, during her working years, Mrs. Gilliard cooked in a drug store, did farm work, and sewed in several factories; and

Whereas, a woman of faith, she serves her God through committed membership in St. Mary AME Church; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her one hundred second 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 Katie Richard Gilliard, a native of Colleton County, on the occasion of her one hundred second 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 Katie Richard Gilliard.

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