**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JOHNNIE BAMPFIELD JAMES OF HAMPTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY‑SECOND 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 Johnnie Bampfield James of Hampton County celebrated her ninety‑second birthday on February 25, 2012; and

Whereas, born on February 25, 1920, in the early part of the twentieth century, she has been witness to nearly all the incredible social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have occurred from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, she graduated from Mather School in Beaufort in 1936, and she is an alumna of Claflin University’s class of 1954; and

Whereas, married to the late James Howard Bampfield in 1937, she reared two fine children, Gwen Bampfield and Ethel Denmark, and she has an adopted daughter, Barbara Lee, and a stepson, Randy James; they have blessed her with six adoring grandchildren and fifteen great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, she taught briefly in Hampton County before moving to Brooklyn, New York, where she served for nineteen years as a juvenile counselor for the Division of Youth in New York City before retiring and returning to her native home in 1976; and

Whereas, for twelve years, Ms. Johnnie, as she is fondly called, served as the first executive director of the Palmetto Development Center in Varnville, and now she shares her love of cooking and working in the yard with her loving friends and family; and

Whereas, a lifelong member of Huspah Missionary Baptist Church, she continues to serve faithfully as deaconess and cherished mother of the church; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina upon arriving at her ninety‑second 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 Johnnie Bampfield James of Hampton County on the occasion of her ninety‑second birthday, and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Johnnie Bampfield James.

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