**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JOHN HENRY LEE, SR., OF JASPER COUNTY ON REACHING HIS NINETY‑FIFTH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HIM MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that John Henry Lee, Sr., of Jasper County celebrated his ninety‑fifth birthday on November 18, 2011; and

Whereas, born in Garnett on November 18, 1916, and educated in the public schools of Jasper County, John Henry Lee has witnessed nearly all the incredible social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have occurred from the early part of the twentieth century into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of sixty‑two years, the late Louise Miller Lee, he reared and educated sixteen children, who blessed them with twenty‑five adoring grandchildren and seventeen great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, in the early 1940s, he owned his own pulpwood business, and with further education at the Coosawhatchie Training

School, he was trained and worked for many years as a skilled brick mason; and

Whereas, through the early 70’s, he cultivated and managed one of the largest farms in Jasper County, raising tobacco, cotton, and corn; he also raised hogs, cattle, and horses; and

Whereas, in 1987, he received the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) Award, and on his ninety‑fifth birthday, he was recognized by the President of the United States, President Barack Obama; and

Whereas, as a lifelong and faithful member of Bethel Baptist Church, he has served in various capacities for more than seventy‑five years, including deacon, church treasurer, senior choir member, teacher, and trainer; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor this son of South Carolina upon arriving at his ninety‑fifth birthday and join with his family and friends in congratulating him 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 John Henry Lee, Sr., of Jasper County on reaching his ninety‑fifth birthday, and wish him many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to John Henry Lee, Sr.

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