**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ROBERTA M. ROBBS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY 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 House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are delighted to learn that Roberta M. Robbs celebrated the benchmark of her one hundredth birthday surrounded by family and friends at a joyous party held on April 21, 2012; and

Whereas, born in Gaffney in beautiful Cherokee County in 1912, she is the daughter of the late Mrs. Edna Morris McClure Burke and the late Arthur Stevenson; and

Whereas, from her youth in the early part of the twentieth century, she has been witness to nearly all the remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, she married her beloved husband, the late Azell Robbs, in 1928 and was married to him for fifty‑eight years, and together they reared sixteen fine children, who blessed them with twenty adoring grandchildren, forty‑six great‑grandchildren, and thirty‑seven great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, in 1939, Roberta and Azell Robbs purchased a lot on Gaffney Avenue for seventy‑five dollars, paying five dollars a month, and she has lived at the home they made for their family on Gaffney Avenue for the last seventy‑three years; and

Whereas, a member of Mount Sinai Baptist Church, she serves as the mother of the church, a Sunday school teacher, a member of the senior choir, and a member of the Senior Missionary; and

Whereas, she has been a beloved member of the Gaffney Senior Day Care of Cherokee County for thirty years, where she has graciously volunteered much of her time; and

Whereas, early in life she organized a Christmas Saving Club and helped to organize a Community Missionary Circle to give the young people guidance in the skills of life, and she continues to host the monthly Senior Missionary meetings in her home; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her centennial 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 Roberta M. Robbs of Cherokee 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 provided to Roberta M. Robbs.

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