**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE IVA COLLIER KNIGHT OF HARLEYVILLE ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Iva Collier Knight of Harleyville will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on February 12, 2013; and

Whereas, born on February 12, 1913, to Thomas and Caroline Wimberly Collier, she was the sixth of their thirteen children. Iva Caroline Collier came into this world when the twentieth century was still in its youth, and she has been witness to nearly all the incredible changes and developments that have come to this nation from that time into the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, in 1930, Iva completed her education in the Harleyville public schools. She helped care for her ten younger siblings until her marriage in 1932 to Robert Pearson Knight of Harleyville; and

Whereas, Iva and Pearson were the proud parents of four children, sons Thomas and Robert, Jr., and daughters Barbara and Brenda. While the couple’s children were small, the young mother was a busy homemaker and helped her husband on their family farm; and

Whereas, after Pearson’s untimely death in 1956, Iva sought work outside the home to support her family. She managed Harleyville Pharmacy for the next eight years while her younger children were still attending school; and

Whereas, in 1960, Iva married Thomas Lucius Knight, her first husband’s bachelor brother. They had ten happy years together until his death in November 1970. By this time, Iva had been blessed with seven of her eight grandchildren. She spent the next few years helping her working daughters care for their children during the week. On the weekends, Iva enjoyed helping her best friend, Annie Lee Parker, at the family meat market in Charleston. Iva and Annie Lee enjoyed many trips and adventures together over the years; and

Whereas, Iva’s church family has always been important to her. As a child, she attended Harleyville Christian Church with her parents and siblings. In the 1950s, Iva, Pearson, and the children moved their membership to the newly established First Baptist Church of Harleyville, where this woman of faith enjoyed singing in the choir and taking part in circle meetings; and

Whereas, a dedicated mother and molder of character for her four children, eight grandchildren, and ten great‑grandchildren, Iva is loved and respected by all who know her, whether they call her Sis, Mom, Granny Knight, Aunt Iva, or Miss Iva; and

Whereas, the spirited Iva lived a very independent life at her home for more than ninety‑seven years. She is now a resident at Magnolias of Santee, where she enjoys fellowship and daily activities; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her one hundredth birthday, and the members 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 Iva Collier Knight of Harleyville on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Iva Collier Knight.

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