**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE WILLIAM E. “BILL” BROOME OF LEXINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are delighted to learn that William E. “Bill” Broome of Lexington County will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on April 6, 2013; and

Whereas, born on April 6, 1923, to Silas and Viola Broome, Bill Broome came into this world when the twentieth century was still in its youth, and he 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, the young Bill, having attended Logan Elementary and Wardlaw Junior High, graduated from Columbia High School in 1942. He worked for a brief time for W.B. Guimarin Plumbing & Heating before joining the United States Navy, serving from 1942 until his discharge in 1945 as an aviation machinist’s mate first class; and

Whereas, in 1944, he wed Evelyn “Dolly” Carter of Eau Gallie, Florida. The couple moved in 1950 to Eau Gallie, where Bill owned and operated a plumbing business for thirteen years. During this time, he served on the Eau Gallie City Council and was active in his church and other community organizations; and

Whereas, for two years, he owned a grocery store in Atlanta, Georgia, before returning to Columbia with his family. Bill and Dolly parented four fine children, Dr. William Broome, Terry Broome, Dale Broome, and Jodie Adams, and Bill is the beloved grandfather of eight grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren; and

Whereas, Bill continued working in the plumbing business for Walker Plumbing & Heating in Columbia and DuPont in Camden. Until his retirement in the late 1980s, he traveled across the country working in various nuclear power plants; and

Whereas, upon retirement, he worked part‑time as a bailiff at the Richland County Courthouse in Columbia. After fourteen years of service as a bailiff, he retired from that position at the age of eighty‑nine; and

Whereas, following the death of his wife and a working career of sixty years, Bill married the former Jo Ann Rogers. Fifteen years of marriage later, they continue to enjoy traveling and being involved with family and their church, Northside Baptist in West Columbia; and

Whereas, to honor Bill at this very special time in his life, his family and friends will join with him to celebrate his ninetieth birthday and the wonderful memories he has created over his long lifetime; and

Whereas, the Senate is proud to honor this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his ninetieth birthday, and the members join with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching this exceptional milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate William E. “Bill” Broome of Lexington County on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Bill Broome.

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