**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF WILLAR MAE FLAGLER TISDALE OF WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Willar Mae Flagler Tisdale at the age of ninety on April 11, 2013; and

Whereas, born on June 1, 1922, the oldest of ten children of the late Isabella Chandler Flagler and Willie Flagler, Sr., she attended Cane Branch Elementary School and graduated from St. Mark High School as valedictorian of the adult education program in 1967; and

Whereas, as an advocate of education, she continued her studies at Morris College in Sumter, taking advantage of many leadership-development programs through the United Methodist Church. She also participated in state-wide midwifery training at Penn Center in Frogmore; and

Whereas, Mrs. Tisdale served many throughout her lifetime as a homemaker, farmer's wife, seamstress, nanny, community leader, substitute teacher, and most notably a midwife. Sometimes, after a long day’s work on the farm, she would leave her family to assist in delivering one or more new babies into the community, not returning to her home for several days; and

Whereas, she was a member of several community organizations, including the Eastern Star Adah #336, the United Order of the Colored Farmers Aid Lodge, the United Order Home Charity, and the Williamsburg County Clemson University Extension; and

Whereas, she received many awards during her lifetime, recognizing her service to others, including the St. Paul United Methodist Church Annual Recognition Award, the Adah Chapter #336 Service Award, and the St. Paul United Methodist Church Evangelist Award; and

Whereas, a life-long member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, she was a co-founder of the Chancellor Choir, taught confirmation classes, adult Sunday school, and Bible studies and served as a lay speaker and president of the senior choir and the United Methodist Women. She also was the church's secretary for eighteen years; and

Whereas, together with her beloved husband of fifty-six years, the late Walter Tisdale, she reared three fine children: Lola Mae Tisdale June; Dr. Henry Nehemiah Tisdale, president of Claflin University; and the late Keith Sanders Tisdale; and

Whereas, she reared five other children as her very own: Rosanne Chandler Tisdale, the late Fred Chandler, Christine Chandler Shaw, Douglas Flagler, and Michael Flagler; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Willar Mae Flagler Tisdale, a proud daughter of the Palmetto State, and for the example of sacrifice and kindness she set for all who knew her. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Willar Mae Flagler Tisdale of Williamsburg County and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Willar Mae Flagler Tisdale.

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