**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. MERELYN B. RIVERS OF CHARLESTON ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH 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 Mrs. Merelyn B. Rivers of Charleston will celebrate her ninetieth birthday on May 25, 2013; and

Whereas, born on May 25, 1923, to the Reverend Henry D. Brown and Alice Logan Brown (who lived to be one hundred six), Merelyn B. Rivers 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, a native of Colleton County, Mrs. Rivers and her husband, Nelson Rivers, Jr., raised a fine family of three children, the Reverend Nelson B. Rivers III, Jeffrey Rivers, and Barbara Rivers Bodison; and

Whereas, this woman of faith is an active member of Charity Missionary Baptist Church in the Liberty Hill community of North Charleston, where the Reverend Nelson B. Rivers III, her son, is pastor. She serves on the missionary ministry and attends Bible study each week, as well as Church School and worship every Sunday; and

Whereas, whether in person or by reputation, she is a dedicated mother and molder of character for her three children, eight grandchildren, eight great‑grandchildren, and one great‑great grandchild; and

Whereas, to honor her at this very special time in her life, family and friends will join with her to celebrate her ninetieth birthday on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at Charity Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her ninetieth 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 Mrs. Merelyn B. Rivers of Charleston on the occasion of her ninetieth 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 Mrs. Merelyn B. Rivers.

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