**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE FLORENCE GREEN MIDDLETON OF BERKELEY COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Florence Green Middleton of Berkeley County will celebrate her one hundred fifth birthday on May 25, 2013; and

Whereas, one of fourteen children born to Willis Green and Susie Kinloch Green, Florence Green Middleton was born on May 25, 1908, in the early part of the twentieth century, and 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, this Alvin native married her beloved William Middleton, and in time God blessed them with a fine family of five children, Evelyn, Joyce, William, Jr., Melvin (now deceased), and Lou Ida. After his death, she raised the children by herself, instilling in them a high sense of integrity; and

Whereas, Florence’s faith has always been important to her. She has been a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church her entire life and was an active usher from the age of sixteen, serving proudly and tirelessly until she retired in 2003; and

Whereas, a dedicated mother and molder of character for her children, grandchildren, and great‑grandchildren, Florence is loved and respected by all who know her; and

Whereas, for the feeding of the mind and heart, this cherished matriarch has long been a profound repository of area history and is looked to by the Alvin community for dates and events of interest. For nourishment of the body, her succulent, savory cooking has made delicious memories for those fortunate enough to partake of her culinary creations; and

Whereas, Florence, as sharp as ever, enjoys Gospel singing, gardening, sewing, knitting, and crocheting, in addition to cooking. She was a member of the Eastern Star’s Laurel Hill Chapter for more than sixty‑one years; and

Whereas, to honor her at this very special time in her life, family and friends will join with her to celebrate her one hundred fifth birthday on Saturday, May 25, 2013, in Baltimore, Maryland, where three of her children now reside; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her one hundred fifth 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 Florence Green Middleton of Berkeley County on the occasion of her one hundred fifth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and much health and happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Florence Green Middleton.

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