**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ROBERTA DAVIS LAND OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that the family and friends of Roberta Davis Land will gather to celebrate her eightieth birthday at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Winnsboro on June 23, 2013; and

Whereas, born on May 22, 1933, during the difficult years of the Great Depression in the twentieth century, she has witnessed many remarkable technological advances, social changes, and international developments that have spanned the globe from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, the daughter of the late Cortez and Alberta Butler Davis and affectionately known as “Sis,” Roberta Davis was born in Winnsboro, one of nine children; and

Whereas, she graduated from Fairfield County public schools and attended Benedict College. She later moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where she met and married her beloved husband, the late Mason Land, Sr.; and

Whereas, married for forty‑three years and eight months, together they reared five well‑rounded, educated children, who blessed their parents with four adoring grandchildren and four great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, Mrs. Land provided her children with a loving and stable home life, and they are now productive citizens with Christian values and morals; and

Whereas, during twenty‑six years of faithful service at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, she led by example to teach her children the value of dedication, hard work, sacrifice, and commitment; and

Whereas, after their retirement, the Lands returned to the Palmetto State and to her beloved hometown of Winnsboro; and

Whereas, always dedicated to the welfare of others, Roberta Land earned the respect and affection of people from all ages and all walks of life through active involvement in her church and her community, using her God‑given passion for helping others in need; and

Whereas, a Christian woman who loves the Lord deeply, Mrs. Land has lived her life with the belief that God uses small things to accomplish great things for His glory, understanding the importance of the journey, not just the destination; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her eightieth birthday and 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 Roberta Davis Land of Fairfield County, upon the occasion of her eightieth birthday, and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Roberta Davis Land.

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