**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE REBECCA G. IZARD OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that Rebecca G. Izard of Georgetown County will celebrate her centennial birthday on Saturday March 1, 2014, at Beck Recreation Center in Georgetown surrounded by her loving family and friends; and

Whereas, born on March 1, 1914, in the early part of the twentieth century, she has witnessed many of 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, the daughter of the late Cuffie Gardner and Donella Brown, Rebecca was born and reared in Georgetown, and when her mother relocated to Tampa, Florida, her maternal grandmother, Lizzie, and her uncle Jake Brown continued to rear her; and

Whereas, she attended public school in Georgetown County until the tenth grade when she married her beloved husband of fifty‑seven years, the late Howard Buster Izard. They were blessed with six fine children: the late Donella I. Burton, the late Henry Howard Izard, Marilyn I. Sumpter, Eva I. Glover, the late Woodrow Aurelius Izard, and the late Howard Izard, Jr. They blessed their parents with nine adoring grandchildren and twenty‑two great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, to help support her family, Rebecca enrolled in a course at Georgetown County Health Department, earning certification as a midwife, and because of her love for children, she became a professional early childcare provider; and

Whereas, at an early age, Rebecca joined Arnett African Methodist Episcopal Church and has remained a dedicated member still involved and active in the church and presently serves as president of the Rutledge‑Graham Stewardess board; and

Whereas, Rebecca and Howard Izard instilled in their children the need for a strong work ethic and a firm moral code, strengthened through education. More than half of a century after leaving high school, Rebecca herself returned to school and earned a diploma from Howard High School in 1983, graduating the same year as her three oldest grandchildren. For fifty‑four years, she has attended graduation ceremonies for her children and grandchildren at institutions of higher learning across America; and

Whereas, residing in Georgetown less than two blocks from where she was born and reared, she still has the amazing ability to recite poetry and passages of Scripture dramatically and precisely; and

Whereas, Mrs. Izard exemplifies the words of King Solomon: “The virtuous woman...is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand and in her left hand riches and honor”; 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 one hundredth 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 Rebecca G. Izard of Georgetown County, on the occasion of her one hundredth 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 Rebecca G. Izard.

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