**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MILDRED LETHIA BEASLEY LEWIS ON THE OCCASION OF HER EIGHTIETH 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 Mildred Lethia Beasley Lewis will celebrate her eightieth birthday on March 16, 2014; and

Whereas, born in Pasquotank County, North Carolina, Mildred Lethia Beasley Lewis was the daughter of James Frank and Lethia Beasley. Blessed with five siblings (Mary Alice, Louise, Grace, James Melton, and Otis), Mildred 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, young Mildred was educated in the Pasquotank County school system and joined New Ramoth Gilead Baptist Church at an early age. This God‑loving church mother, a true woman of faith, is a former member of the Beasley Family Gospel Group and the Ramoth Gilead Senior Choir; and

Whereas, in time, Mildred married Robert Lee Lewis, Sr. (now deceased), and to this union were born seven children. Baby Boy Lewis, born in 1952, passed away shortly after birth. In 1954, daughter Mildred made her arrival, and in 1955 Robert, Jr., who passed away in 1995, joined the family. Another son, Gerald, arrived in 1958, followed by Grace (1960), Idella (1962), and Vansola (1965); and

Whereas, over the years, Mildred worked various positions to support her family. She retired from Albemarle Hospital in 1995, where she had served as an environmental employee for twenty‑three years; and

Whereas, this proud grandmother of twelve and delighted great‑grandmother of thirteen enjoys a multitude of adopted grandchildren, as well as one living sister, Mary Alice Gregory. Her nephew Earl Beasley, Sr., and niece Audrey Beasley Harris are also very special to her. Earl and Audrey are the children of Mildred’s sister Louise, who passed away untimely, leaving her beloved children to the care of grandparents Frank and Lethia Beasley, who raised them. Always, Mildred has been there for them and often has said they feel like her own children; and

Whereas, further, Mildred is blessed with two daughters‑in‑law, Dorothea Lewis (Gerald) and her adopted daughter‑in‑law, Phyllis Beasley (Earl); two sons‑in‑law, Richard Turner (Mildred) and Ricky Turner (Grace); some very special friends of the family, Lee Boyd (Van) and Anthony Wallace (Audrey); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

Whereas, to honor Mildred at this very special time in her life, her family and friends will join with her to celebrate her eightieth birthday and the wonderful memories she has created over her long lifetime on Saturday, March 15, 2014; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her eightieth 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 Mildred Lethia Beasley Lewis on the occasion of her eightieth 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 Mildred Lewis.

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