**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF HARNETHEA BETHEA MANNING (1915‑2004) AND TO HONOR THE STRONG COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION HELD BY THIS DILLON COUNTY MATRIARCH THAT LED HER FAMILY TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP IN HER MEMORY.

Whereas, born the daughter of Truss and Lily Bethea of Dillon County, Harnethea Bethea Manning entered this world on April 3, 1915, and was raised and educated in Dillon County. She was employed by Rownd and Son until she retired; and

Whereas, on May 6, 1939, the young Harnethea was united in holy matrimony to Paul Manning, Sr., and God blessed the happy couple with seven children, Paul, Jr., Glenn, Patricia, Joe, Linda, L. Casey, and Sandra. Paul, Sr., and Harnethea were not able to complete their education, both of them ending their school days after only five or six years, but they made sure their children earned their college degrees; and

Whereas, this woman of faith, the seventh of ten children, joined Marshill Bibleway Church as a small child and remained an unwavering lifelong member. At the church, she served her God as secretary of the Sunday School, Sunday School teacher, member of the Senior Chorus, and president of Noon Day Prayer, among other offices. To recognize her outstanding service, the congregation named her Mother of the Church, an honor she held until her death in 2004. Her lifetime of lending a helping hand to anyone who needed it in her church and community led to her receiving the Most Outstanding Citizenship Award from the Jacksonville community in 2002; and

Whereas, to honor Mrs. Manning’s commitment to education, as well as her joyful and giving spirit, her children established a scholarship in her memory at Marshill Bibleway Church. This scholarship, created in 2012, is awarded annually to a worthy high school senior; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent dedication and excellence Harnethea Bethea Manning bestowed on this great State, the House is proud to add its collective salute to the many warm expressions of praise so well deserved by this daughter of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the life of Harnethea Bethea Manning (1915‑2004) and honor the strong commitment to education held by this Dillon County matriarch that led her family to establish a scholarship in her memory.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Paul Manning, Jr., for the family.

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