**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO WISH ALL SOUTH CAROLINA MOTHERS A HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY ON SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2014, AND TO CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF MOTHER’S DAY IN THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to note that Mother’s Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 11, 2014; and

Whereas, originally created in 1908 as a local tribute to one West Virginia mother, Mother’s Day is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary this year as an official national event. Anna Jarvis, the originator of Mother’s Day, made it her life’s mission to have a day recognized for the contribution of mothers, mostly as a tribute to her own mother, who died in 1905; and

Whereas, the first celebration of Mother’s Day occurred at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in West Virginia, where sons and daughters wore a single white carnation and mothers wore two carnations each; and

Whereas, West Virginia became the first state to recognize Mother’s Day in 1910. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially approved a resolution marking the second Sunday in May as a nationwide observance of this popular holiday, which has since become a globalized celebration of mothers; and

Whereas, it is fitting that all citizens of South Carolina should pause to remember their mothers and express gratitude for the care and love these dear ones continually give their children, and, on the occasion of Mother’s Day 2014, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in adding its salute to this great state’s outstanding mothers and in praying for them God’s richest blessings. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, wish all South Carolina mothers a Happy Mother’s Day on Sunday, May 11, 2014, and celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of Mother’s Day in the United States.

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