**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE EDITH NORA MCCAFFREY OF COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are delighted to learn that Edith Nora McCaffrey of Columbia will celebrate her ninetieth birthday on March 9, 2015; and

Whereas, a native of Fogarash, Romania, Edith Nora McCaffrey was born on March 9, 1925, the daughter of Emmanuel and Bertha Vogel. She met her future husband, Donald Joseph McCaffrey, a U.S. Army officer, in Vienna, Austria, during the Allied occupation after World War II. They married a year later in Vienna; and

Whereas, Edith moved to the United States in 1949 and earned her American citizenship in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1951 while her husband was serving a hardship tour in Japan. The couple parented a fine family of three children, Kathleen (Norman Arthur), Karen, and Michael, who gave their parents the joy of two grandchildren, Julie and Michael (Joannie), and one great‑grandchild, Connor. Edith was married to her “Mac” for fifty years. He passed away in 1998; and

Whereas, from 1968 until 2002, this caring lady flew at least once a year to Europe to take clothes and needed items to family members behind the Iron Curtain in Romania and East Germany. She also volunteered at the Fort Belvoir, Virginia, army base in the thrift shop for more than thirty years; and

Whereas, affectionately called *Oma* (German for “grandmother”) by everyone in her family, Edith speaks five languages, English, German, Romanian, Hungarian, and French. Her hobbies include skiing, traveling the world, mountain hiking, reading, and painting; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her ninetieth 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, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Edith Nora McCaffrey of Columbia on the occasion of her ninetieth 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 Edith Nora McCaffrey.

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