**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ANNIE WASHINGTON REESE OF COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED THIRD 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 Annie Washington Reese of Columbia will celebrate her one hundred third birthday on April 20, 2016; and

Whereas, born on April 20, 1913, to Willie and Annie Washington of Eastover, Annie was the youngest of five siblings, the granddaughter of Green and Jane Washington of Virginia, and the great‑granddaughter of George Washington. The young Annie 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 second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, in the fullness of time, Annie met and married the love of her life, Charlie Reese, after which the happy couple moved to Columbia. The Lord blessed their union with four children, and later they raised another child as their own; and

Whereas, this woman of faith and humility is known as a righteous ambassador for Christ who serves God daily and enjoys helping others; and

Whereas, a loving family matriarch, Annie Washington Reese is the delighted grandmother of sixteen grandchildren, thirty‑four great‑grandchildren, and seventeen great‑great‑grandchildren. They bless her life; and

Whereas, to honor her at this very special time in her life, family and friends joined with her to celebrate her one hundred third birthday on Saturday, April 23, 2016; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her one hundred third 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 Annie Washington Reese of Columbia on the occasion of her one hundred third 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 presented to Annie Washington Reese.

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