**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. AND MRS. HARRY LEE WASHINGTON OF SUMTER COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SIXTY‑SECOND ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Washington will celebrate their sixty‑second wedding anniversary surrounded by family and friends at the Delaine Community Center in Wedgefield on May 7, 2016; and

Whereas, Harry Lee Washington was born on January 1, 1932, the son of Hopkins and Sally Ann Thomas Washington. Hattie M. Sinkler was born on May 5, 1935, the daughter of Harkles and Louise Lawson Sinkler; and

Whereas, several decades ago, Harry and Hattie met at Orangehill Methodist Church, and in 1954, they pledged to one another a lifetime of love and sharing as they were joined in holy matrimony; and

Whereas, at the celebration of their anniversary, friends and family will also honor Mr. Washington’s eighty‑fourth birthday on January 1 and Mrs. Washington’s eighty‑first birthday on May 5; and

Whereas, together Hattie and Harry reared six fine children: the late Harry Lee Washington, Jr.; Christine G. Washington‑Miller; Carolyn L. Washington; the late Wendell M. Washington; Patricia Ann Washington; and the late Terry D. Washington; and

Whereas, their children have blessed them with twelve adoring grandchildren and eleven great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Washington’s life together has been a blessing to their neighbors and family members through their prayers, cooking, hairstyling, and transportation, all shared so freely with others; and

Whereas, kindly welcoming everyone into their home, they have shown their affection through warmhearted conversation, listening to concerns, and the sharing of any meal; and

Whereas, no success on earth authenticates a life as does a marriage that endures the test of time and grows stronger with each passing year; and

Whereas, Mr. Washington has learned the veracity of the proverb, “Whoso finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor of the Lord,” and he now considers one of his crowning achievements as having had the good sense to marry his beloved Hattie; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to honor Mr. and Mrs. Washington upon the celebration of their sixty‑second anniversary, as well as his eighty‑fourth birthday and her eighty‑first birthday, and the members wish them many more years of continued health and happiness together. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Washington of Sumter County on the occasion of their sixty‑second anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of blessing and fulfillment.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Washington.

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