**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. LUCILLE GARRETT OF PICKENS COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH 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 Mrs. Lucille Garrett of Pickens County will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on July 11, 2016; and

Whereas, born on July 11, 1916, when the twentieth century was still in its youth, she was a 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, the young Lucille met Milford “Bluff” Garrett, and the two were wed in August 1935, God blessing their union with six children, sixteen grandchildren, and seventeen great‑grandchildren, most of whom reside in the Upstate; and

Whereas, the wedding story of Lucille and her Bluff has become legend among family members and friends. The two were secretly married at Walhalla Courthouse, with two witnesses present at the ceremony. After the couple had tied the knot, on that same day Bluff put his bride on the train to Washington, D.C., to work and earn some money, and everyone kept quiet about the nuptials for a couple of months. Then one of the witnesses let the news “slip,” so Bluff had to call Lucille to come home because the “secret” was out; and

Whereas, after this undercover beginning, the new Mrs. Garrett enjoyed wedded bliss with her beloved Bluff for nearly sixty years. He passed away in May 1995 just a few months before their sixtieth anniversary; and

Whereas, in addition to caring for her home and family, Lucille worked as a “lunchroom lady” until she retired, and she continued to work part‑time until she was nearly eighty years old; and

Whereas, when it came to gardening, Lucille was Bluff’s right‑hand assistant. He grew watermelons, as well as cotton and vegetables, and when the fruits of his labors were ready to sell, she was his best salesperson; and

Whereas, Lucille and Bluff moved to Main Street in Six Mile during the summer of 1968. Their “old home place” is presently the site of Six Mile Elementary School, and a huge holly tree at the back of the school remains as a reminder of the Garrett family’s years there; and

Whereas, this woman of faith finds her spiritual home at Six Mile Baptist Church, where she has worshipped as a member for eighty‑one years; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her one hundredth 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 Mrs. Lucille Garrett of Pickens County on the occasion of her one hundredth 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 Mrs. Lucille Garrett.

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