**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MYRTLE MCDOWELL COPELAND OF SPARTANBURG 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 Myrtle McDowell Copeland of Spartanburg will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on May 3, 2016; and

Whereas, born the last child of Louis and Sally Gardner McDowell, Myrtle McDowell Copeland entered this world on May 3, 1916, when the twentieth century was still in its youth, and 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, this woman of strong faith and will is the beloved mother of eleven children, nine of whom survive; and

Whereas, in years past, on any given Sunday morning her head was adorned with one of her many beautiful hats, always the topic of someone’s conversation; and

Whereas, Mrs. Copeland retired from Spartanburg Regional Hospital, and, not being one to just sit in a rocker after retirement, she planned her next endeavor. As a result, soon she could be spotted strolling from her home on Ridgewood Avenue and South Converse Street to work at the YMCA; and

Whereas, to honor her at this very special time in her life, family and friends will join with her on Saturday, May 7, 2016, to celebrate her one hundredth birthday; and

Whereas, Mrs. Copeland, the matriarch of the family of the late Hylie Copeland, indeed has been a blessing to many, and her legacy will live far beyond her years; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady on 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 Myrtle McDowell Copeland of Spartanburg 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 Myrtle McDowell Copeland.

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