**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BEATRICE “BEE” FIELDS GRAHAM 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 Senate are delighted to learn that Beatrice “Bee” Fields Graham will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at a gathering with family and friends at the community center in Coosawhatchie, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Beatrice “Bee” Fields Graham was born on August 29, 1918, one of the thirteen children of the late Randall and Elizabeth Fields. Beatrice was raised in Jasper County and attended school in Jasper County; and

Whereas, throughout her life, Beatrice has been a member of several churches. At the early age of thirteen, she joined and was baptized at Second A. B. Baptist Church in Coosawhatchie, where she was a faithful member for many years. She was also a member of Solomon Temple Holiness Church in Pineland, and she is currently an active member and the oldest mother at Greater Evangelistic Deliverance Church in Pineland; and

Whereas, Beatrice married the love of her life, the late Henry Graham, on February 24, 1934. Together, they had eight children, and she was a devoted stay-at-home mom. Today, Beatrice has many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, in her free time, Beatrice enjoys fishing and quilting. Many friends and family members use her handmade quilts to this very day; and

Whereas, Beatrice attributes her longevity to God’s love, as well as her love for God, and she finds solace in one of her favorite hymns, “How happy every child of God who knows their sin is forgiven, the earth he cry is not my place, I seek my home in heaven”; and

Whereas, the Senate is proud to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her one hundredth birthday, and the members join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this important life milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Beatrice “Bee” Fields Graham 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 Beatrice “Bee” Fields Graham.

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