**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE PENINNAH BOWEN LOWRY OF YORK COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Peninnah Bowen Lowry of York County will celebrate a century of life on March 18, 2017; and

Whereas, born on March 18,1917, in the early part of the twentieth century, she has witnessed many significant social changes, technological advancements, and international events that have spanned the globe and markedly altered the world from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, the daughter of Clarence and Ella Davidson Bowen, Peninnah was the oldest of eleven children born to them, and she is the last living among her siblings; and

Whereas, she retired from employment as a cafeteria worker in York School District One and is a member of the Langrum Branch B and A Society and the White Hill Order of the Eastern Star #350; and

Whereas, together with her beloved husband, Arthur “Cash” Lowry, she reared three fine children: Arthur “Skeet” Lowry, Phillip Lowry, and the late Odell Berry. She has enjoyed the affection of her numerous grandchildren and great‑grandchildren, and she reared three of them: Karen Lowry, Jerome Brown, and Darryl Brown; and

Whereas, a faithful and active member of Langrum Branch Baptist Church in York, Mrs. Lowry has served the congregation as a Sunday school teacher, Bible school director, usher, church announcer, and member of the Hymn Choir, the Musical Choir, the Missionary Department, and the Kitchen Committee; and

Whereas, she remains an active member of the Upper Division of the Sandy River Association Joint Convention of Chester and York counties, and a member of the Ministers, Deacons, and Trustees Wives Ministry; and

Whereas, for a number of years, Mrs. Lowry served as the president of the Women’s Convention of the Upper Division of the Sandy River Association, and she has been a dedicated supporter of the Friendship College Development to rebuild a building on the campus in Rock Hill; and

Whereas, through her example, Peninnah Lowry taught a sort of mathematics, not in a school classroom but in her community, when she added the values of love and hard work to her life; subtracted a can’t‑do attitude from her mind; multiplied these concepts in her home, church, and community; and divided them among her children; and

Whereas, members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her centennial birthday and 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 members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Peninnah Bowen Lowry of York County on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Peninnah Bowen Lowry.

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