**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE EDELL SWINEY, A NATIVE OF KERSHAW 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 Edell Swiney, a native of Kershaw County, will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on July 28, 2017; and

Whereas, born the first of fourteen children to Henry Peoples and Edna McCoy, the young Edell came into this world in Camden on July 28, 1917, when the twentieth century was still in its youth, and she has been 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, when she was still of an early age, Edell and her family moved to Bennettsville. In the fullness of time, she met and married John Swiney (now deceased), God blessing their union with twelve children and ownership of a small house in the city. The first entrepreneur in her family, Edell started her own laundry business. In addition, her husband established his own taxi stand, one of the first in Bennettsville; and

Whereas, as a woman of faith, Edell found her spiritual home at Sawmill Missionary Baptist Church, where she was an active member and served in many church organizations. Edell enjoys singing, praising God, and reading her Bible, her favorite scripture being Psalm 1; and

Whereas, at the age of ninety years old, Edell relocated to Brooklyn, New York, with the aid of her children. Later, she was admitted to the Brooklyn United Methodist Church Nursing Home, where she currently resides; and

Whereas, today, Edell still has two of her siblings, her brother Boyd English of Long Island, New York, and her sister Laura of Washington, D.C. Eight of her twelve children survive, and she rejoices in three generations of grandchildren; and

Whereas, to honor her at this very special time in her life, family and friends will join with her to celebrate her centennial birthday on Saturday, July 29, 2017; 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 Edell Swiney, a native of Kershaw 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 Edell Swiney.

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