**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SARAH SUMTER JONES OF RICHLAND 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, the members of the South Carolina Senate are delighted to learn that Sarah Jones of Richland County will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on February 1, 2018; and

Whereas, born in Gadsden, in the early part of the twentieth century, she has been witness to the remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, Sarah graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Columbia and went on to attend Harbison College; and

Whereas, she was blessed with two children, Lottie Sumter and Sandra Adams Johnson, whom she raised from an infant; eight treasured grandchildren; fifteen cherished great‑grandchildren; and twenty‑eight great‑great‑grandchildren, as well as two nephews whom she also raised; and

Whereas, Sarah is a lifetime member of St. Paul Baptist Church. She is recognized as the church mother and remains active in the life of the church. She is also an active registered voter in the Gadsden Precinct, faithfully practicing her right to vote; and

Whereas, she was a housewife and mother, teaching her family to always love and be there for one another. She has been a mother, grandmother, and auntie of the Gadsden community, as well as a role model and inspiration to her family and all those who have had the blessing to know her; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to honor this daughter of the Palmetto State at the celebration of her one hundredth birthday, to be held on February 3, 2018, and join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of South Carolina, by this resolution, congratulate Sarah Sumter Jones of Richland 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 presented to Sarah Sumter Jones.

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