**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MARLENE FLETCHER SIMPSON OF LANCASTER COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER EIGHTIETH 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 Marlene Simpson of Lancaster County will celebrate her eightieth birthday on February 2, 2020; and

Whereas, born in Lancaster on February 2, 1940, she has seen many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments around the world from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, Mrs. Simpson is the daughter of Willie and Sadie M. Truesdale, and she graduated from Barstreet High School, attended Mangum Barber College, and earned a certificate of advanced training from Dudley Cosmetology in North Carolina; and

Whereas, the owner of Artistic Impression Beauty Salon, she has been determined and self motivated with an attitude that does not allow her to give up or give in; and

Whereas, Mrs. Simpson was married to the late Benjamin Simpson in 1995, and she reared three fine children: Ernest Fletcher, Dimetrius F. Robertson, and Donald Fletcher; and

Whereas, her children have blessed her with the affection of five adoring grandchildren: Thomisa L.Brown, Alcino Fletcher Price, Everette Fletcher, Tianna Fletcher, and Christi Fletcher. She has six great‑grandchildren: Blaike Brown Fisher, Blaire Brown Fisher, Kahilah Fletcher Chavis, Jae Fletcher, Elijah Fletcher, and Ava Fletcher; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Mrs. Simpson has served on the church’s usher board, and she sings with the United Gospel Singers. She is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; and

Whereas, she literally keeps her hands busy with crocheting, her mind sharp with cross word puzzles, and her energy vigorous with exercise and bowling. Always on the go herself, she was the founder of Seniors on the Go and cofounder of the Family and Friends organization; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her eightieth birthday and join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this significant milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Marlene Fletcher Simpson of Lancaster County on the occasion of her eightieth 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 Marlene Fletcher Simpson.

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