**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MOTHER EULA MAE GRAHAM CUMMINGS OF FLORENCE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED FOURTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Mother Eula Mae Graham Cummings will celebrate her one hundred fourth birthday surrounded by her church family, friends, and relatives on February 17, 2019; and

Whereas, a native and lifelong resident of Florence County, she was born February 22, 1915, and has witnessed many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international conflicts and developments that have spanned the globe for more than a century; and

Whereas, in 1940, she married her beloved husband William W. Cummings, Sr., and this marriage was blessed with six children, seventeen grandchildren, twenty great‑grandchildren, and five great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, upon the death of her husband in 1962, Mother Cummings, in addition to providing a legacy of wit, wisdom, and love for her family, provided the kind of happy home life and spiritual training that develop good citizens and commendable adults. She sacrificed her time and energy, sometimes working two jobs, to see all six children graduate from high school and five of them earn bachelor’s degrees. One earned a master’s degree and two earned doctorates; and

Whereas, not only a wife, mother, grandmother, great‑grandmother, and great‑great‑grandmother, she has been active in her community and church, serving on the St. Matthews Church Women’s Council, Missionary Board, Usher Board, and Communion Board, and she was a member of the Northwest Senior Citizen Center; and

Whereas, during a long, productive lifetime, she never forgot the sick and underprivileged, serving as a foster mother to children and demonstrating her dedication to her family, her church, and the welfare of others in countless ways, which has earned her the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages; and

Whereas, she has lived through a century of the most dramatic events in the history of this country: The Voting Rights Act, racial integration, the election of the first African‑American President; and in her quiet way she has been a force for good and a stabilizing influence on those around her during those turbulent years; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her one hundred fourth 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 the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Mother Eula Mae Graham Cummings of Florence County on the occasion of her one hundred fourth 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 Mother Eula Mae Graham Cummings.

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