**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BETTY METCALF WALKER OF GEORGETOWN ON THE OCCASION OF HER SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, on March 20, 2019, Betty Metcalf Walker of Georgetown awakened to a milestone event in her life, her seventieth birthday; and

Whereas, born March 20, 1949, Betty Metcalf Walker entered this world in Tupelo, Mississippi, Elvis Presley’s birthplace. Upon graduating from George Washington Carver High School in Tupelo, she moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where she attended the St. Louis Evaluation and Training Center and received a certificate of training as a clerk typist. She next started work at the Leonard C. Davis Funeral Home as a receptionist and was trained there in all areas except embalming; and

Whereas, on her return to Tupelo (due to a family medical situation), some very influential people convinced Betty to go to college, which was never a desire of hers. Nonetheless, she enrolled at Mary Holmes College in West Point, Mississippi. On the second day, she attended orientation for the Cooperative Education Program, presided over by a student from Wilberforce University in Ohio. He told her his name was William Walker. The acquaintance progressed and on August 28, 1971, the two wed and moved to his hometown in the Palmetto State, Georgetown, with plans to move back to Atlanta, Georgia, where Betty was living and working before the wedding date. That move never happened, and Betty has been the wife of the Reverend William J. Walker for the past forty‑seven years. Dr. Walker is presently pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Latta, where he and Betty serve the Lord together. Betty and William reside in Georgetown and are the proud parents of a son, Willis LaSeth Walker; and

Whereas, in Georgetown, Betty practiced her high school sewing skills, attended Williamsburg Tech and Howard Adult Extension, and took up tailoring. In the community, she was active with several organizations, among them the Order of the Eastern Star and the Elks. She held office in all. Along the way, she also became a skincare consultant with Mary Kay cosmetics, an occupation she has enjoyed greatly; and

Whereas, this versatile lady serves her church by recording services, programs, banquets, weddings, and other church events. She also sings. Of her church activities, she is fondest of the BMW Willing Workers Ministry, which she founded. Having a son who lives with autism, Betty additionally serves as a member of the South Carolina Autism Society; and

Whereas, over the course of her life, Betty has learned this about God and His plan for her: It’s important to put God first, be herself, and be a blessing to someone else, always leaning on Jesus and trying to get nearer to Him every day; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in honoring this adopted daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her seventieth birthday, and the members join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this important life 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 Betty Metcalf Walker of Georgetown on the occasion of her seventieth 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 Betty Metcalf Walker.

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