**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE VIVIAN CONSTANCE DOUGLAS OF AIKEN 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 South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that Vivian Constance Douglas of Wagener celebrated her one hundredth birthday on April 1, 2019; and

Whereas, born on April 1, 1919, in the early part of the twentieth century, she has witnessed a century of remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international conflicts that have spanned the globe from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, Mrs. Douglas was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and moved to China Grove, North Carolina, where she lived on a large farm until she sold the farm and moved to Wagener; and

Whereas, she was married to her beloved husband, Homer Douglas, for some fifty‑six years, a pipe coverer for the asbestos industry, Johns Manville. In patriotic tradition, he served in the United States Army as a paratrooper during World War II; and

Whereas, together with Mr. Douglas, she reared four fine children: DiAnne Douglas Thomas; twins, the late Ronald Douglas and the late Donald Douglas; and the late Steve Douglas. They blessed her with five adoring grandchildren and five great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted housewife, Mrs. Douglas and her children lived on a cotton and tobacco farm with her parents, Stella and George Nunnery, during the year that Mr. Douglas served overseas in World War II; and

Whereas, before she moved into Magnolias Assisted Living late in 2016, she enjoyed the companionship of her standard‑sized black poodle and a black Scottie dog; and

Whereas, a faithful Baptist, she stayed active playing tennis, skating, painting the equipment on their farm, and singing songs from operas. She still enjoys walking; bird watching; gardening; floral arranging; reading books, magazines, and newspapers; and listening to music, especially her favorite music, jazz; and

Whereas, Mrs. Douglas enjoys walks outdoors on the grounds of her community, looking at the surrounding shrubs, flowers, and trees. She still loves to pick and arrange the flowers for her room, and she particularly loves her coffee; and

Whereas, with only a ninth grade education and without a license, she taught a sort of mathematics through her example, not in a school classroom but in her community, when she added the values of love and hard work to her life; subtracted a can’t‑do attitude from her mind; multiplied these concepts in her home, church, and community; and divided them among her children; 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 hundredth 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 Vivian Constance Douglas of Aiken 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 provided to Vivian Constance Douglas.

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