**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE WEATHERS FAMILY MEMBERS ON THEIR FAITHFULNESS IN RENEWING FAMILY TIES BY GATHERING EACH YEAR AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR COMMITMENT TO FAMILY AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR NINETIETH REUNION THIS JULY.

Whereas, in a time when mobility and displacement from family roots make family relationships more difficult to sustain, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in commending the efforts of the Weathers family to maintain family identity and fellowship in their upcoming reunion; and

Whereas, in 1795, the Weathers family took root in the great state of Kentucky with the birth of Lucy Weathers. Her birth was the beginning of ten following generations; and

Whereas, the 1800s brought forth the second and third generations of the Weathers family in Washington County, Kentucky, with the marriage of Dewit Weathers to Louise Linton in 1861 and the birth of their five children, Lucy, Anna, Abraham, William, and Louisa; and

Whereas, between 1896 and 1917, the “Terrific Thirteen” were born in Nelson County, Kentucky, from the marriage of Abraham Weathers and Frances McCauley Thompson in 1896. This group of children, Alice, Edgar, John, Iven, Dee, Louise, Etta, James, Frances, Christine, Anna, Marshall, and Elida, the heart, soul, and inspiration of the Weathers family, initiated the Weathers family reunion, which brought great joy; and

Whereas, the Weathers family reunion began its history in July 1929 as a going‑home celebration for Abraham Weathers, who died in June 1929. He is buried in the Campground Cemetery family plot next to his wife, Frances, in Bloomfield, Kentucky; and

Whereas, having originally taken place in the country farms between Washington and Nelson County, Kentucky, the Weathers family reunion eventually made its way to Louisville and Detroit as the “Terrific Thirteen” relocated to various places for job opportunities; and

Whereas, the 1990 Weathers family reunion was held in Columbus, Ohio, making it the first time in sixty‑one years the event was not held in either Washington or Nelson County, Louisville, or Detroit. Since then, the reunion has traveled to Georgia (twice), Indiana, Ohio (twice), South Carolina, and Virginia (twice); and

Whereas, the 2019 Weathers family reunion will be held from July 18 to 21 in Columbia, South Carolina, in celebration of its ninetieth anniversary and, as always, to give honor to God, with thanksgiving that “we are family”; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the legacy of the Weathers family members and wish them much happiness as they experience the benefits of their upcoming family reunion. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Weathers family members on their faithfulness in renewing family ties by gathering each year and acknowledge their commitment to family as they celebrate their ninetieth reunion this July.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Weathers family reunion.

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