**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE MOSES LEE, JR., AS THE OLDEST LIVING AFRICAN AMERICAN VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II IN MARLBORO COUNTY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Moses Lee, Jr., was honored on Sunday, February 16, 2020, as the oldest living African American veteran of World War II in Marlboro County; and

Whereas, Moses Lee, Jr., was born on May 18, 1926 to Moses Lee, Sr., and Corris Briggs. He was one of three children raised during the Great Depression in rural Marlboro County; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Lee served in early 1945, at duty stations in Fort Bragg and the Asiatic‑Pacific Theater; and

Whereas, in his early years, Mr. Lee battled the pressures of the segregated South as he fought for voting rights and to find work. In his efforts, he helped to establish the African American Voters Association in Marlboro County. During his career, he worked as a truck driver for Boro Woods and the Southern Packing Company; and

Whereas, a respected member of his community, Mr. Lee has remained an active and consistent member in community service organizations. A proud member of the Oak Ridge Masonic Lodge and the American Legion Post 213, he is the oldest member of both organizations; and

Whereas, a devoted Christian, Mr. Lee has been an active member of the Old Clio United Methodist Church for over sixty years; and

Whereas, his first marriage was to Carol Thomas Lee, until her death, and together they had five children, Barbara, Carolyn, Belinda, Louise, and Moses. He later married Darletha Spears Lee and together they had three children, Angela, Dexter, and Jason. He is blessed to be the proud grandfather of seventeen grandchildren and fourteen great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are proud to honor this son of South Carolina as the oldest living African American veteran of World War II in Marlboro County and celebrate him for achieving this honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and congratulate Moses Lee, Jr., as the oldest living African American Veteran of World War II in Marlboro County and wish him much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Moses Lee, Jr.

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