**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE LECIE SHELL WORTHY OF COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are delighted to learn that Lecie Shell Worthy of Columbia celebrated her one hundred and third birthday on March 4, 2020; and

Whereas, Ms. Worthy was born March 4, 1917 in Saluda, to proud parents Fred and Minnie Shell. The youngest of seven, she had four brothers, Emanuel, Willie, Samuel, and Jesse, and two sisters, Mary and Minnie; and

Whereas, a witness to the incredible changes and developments that have come to this nation over the course of her lifetime, Ms. Worthy credits one of the most fulfilling moments of her life to voting for the first African American President of the United States of America, Barack Obama; and

Whereas, a woman of faith her favorite scripture, John 14:1, reads “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.” Ms. Worthy credits this faith in God as the secret to her long life. Living in each moment and laughing each day are principles she praises for having a joyful heart and pleasing the Lord in equal measure; and

Whereas, marrying the love of her heart, her soulmate, Mr. James Worthy, Lecie was blessed with a bounty of family. Together the couple had one daughter, Jean, and two sons, Benjamin Joe and William. Over time she’s also found herself proud to have seven grandchildren, nineteen great‑grandchildren, twenty great‑great‑grandchildren, and twenty‑one other nieces and nephews she loves very much; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her one hundred and third birthday, and the members join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Lecie Shell Worthy of Columbia on the occasion of her one hundred and third 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 Lecie Shell Worthy.

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