**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ENSIGN BARBARA CAROLINA MAY ALDERSON, UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED, TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR RECEIVING A QUILT OF VALOR ON VETERANS DAY, FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2022, AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Ensign Barbara Carolina May Alderson will be honored with a Quilt of Valor at a Veterans Day ceremony to be held in Chester on November 11, 2022; and

Whereas, Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day, marking the date that World War I, “the war to end all wars,” ended; and

Whereas, Barbara May was born in Worchester, Massachusetts, on November 15, 1922, and after graduating from high school, she attended a three‑year nursing school where she earned her credentials as a Registered Nurse; and

Whereas, she joined the United States Navy on June 13, 1945, during the dark days of World War II and was assigned to Naval hospitals in New York City as Ensign May, R.N.; and

Whereas, although Ensign May never saw combat, she was touched by war in treating the thousands of veterans coming home from WWII with injuries; and

Whereas, in 1967, she married her beloved Lieutenant Colonel Harold Carlton Alderson. When he passed away in 1998, they resided in Chester; and

Whereas, over sixteen million American citizens served in the Armed Forces during the Second World War, and it is predicted that there will be fewer than 174,000 World War II veterans still alive as of 2022; and

Whereas, approximately 350,000 women served in the United States military during World War II, so based on the percentages in those statistics, less than 3,800 WWII female veterans are still living; and

Whereas, Mrs. Alderson, still very active, will turn one hundred only four days after receiving the coveted quilt. She wanted to go sky diving for her one hundredth birthday as she did on her ninetieth birthday, but doctors advised against it due to her frail bones; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina, upon the honor of being awarded a Quilt of Valor, and to celebrate her one hundredth 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 Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Ensign Barbara Carolina May Alderson, United States Navy, Retired; congratulate her for receiving a Quilt of Valor on Veterans Day, Friday November 11, 2022; 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 presented to Ensign Barbara Carolina May Alderson.

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