**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MARY EUGENIA ROBINS PRESSLEY ON THE GRAND OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Whereas, born on February 5, 1921 in Whetstone Mountain, Mary Eugenia Robins Pressley was born the seventh of ten children to Robert Lafayette Robins and Ada Augusta Cannon Robins. Educated at Chattooga Elementary School and Walhalla High School, she proudly graduated in 1937; and

Whereas, over the course of her life, Mary has undertaken a variety of employment opportunities, spending time with the Laurens Glass Plant, Honea Path Shirt Plant, and as a nutritionist at Palmetto Nursing Home until her well‑earned retirement in 1976; and

Whereas, in addition to spending her time working to support herself, Mary was fortunate to meet Marvin Eugene Pressley while working during the summer at the Potts House in Highlands, North Carolina. At the time, he was working with the Civilian Conservation Corps and was stationed at the Long Creek Camp. The two were married on October 5, 1940, at the home of the Reverend Gravely of Walhalla Methodist Church. Together, they had two beautiful children, Mary Jean Pressley Knight and Linda Joyce Pressley LaMontagne. Now, Mary also has the pleasure to cherish her two grandchildren and four great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, a woman of great faith, since the late 1940s Mary has belonged to Beulah Baptist Church. She has graciously given of her time to teach the youth of her community in both Children’s Sunday School and Vacation Bible School; and

Whereas, a resident of Fountain Inn since 1955, Mary loves to crochet, knit, attend activities at the Fountain Inn Activities Center, work puzzles, read, and watch game shows on television; and

Whereas, blessed with a long and active life, full of memories with family and friends, Mary has been privileged to witness history as it has unfolded, and has experienced many changes throughout her lifetime; and

Whereas, birthdays provide a special time and opportunity to celebrate and honor those of great importance in our lives. On Friday, February 5, 2021 Mary’s family, friends, and community will get to experience joy and revel in the occasion as Mary celebrates her centennial birthday; and

Whereas, it is a great pleasure for the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives to join with her family and friends to recognize Mary Eugenia Robins Pressley and congratulate her on reaching this auspicious 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 Mary Eugenia Robins Pressley on the grand occasion of her one hundredth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mary Eugenia Robins Pressley.

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