**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE VIRGINIA GREEN JOHNSON OF WASHINGTON, D. C., ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED THIRD BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that Virginia Green Johnson of Clarendon County will celebrate her one hundred third birthday on April 20, 2021; and

Whereas, born in Pinola in Clarendon County on April 20, 1918, in the early part of the twentieth century, Virginia has witnessed many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, she is the only child of the late Richard Green and Millie Ann Gaymon Green Bosier, and the granddaughter and matriarch of the descendants of the James H. Green, Savine Briggs Green White, and Phillip White, Sr., families; and

Whereas, Virginia attended Clarendon County schools until the eighth grade. With a talent for beauty, she often “fixed” hair for the women in Pinola. She moved to Washington, D. C., in 1941, where she apprenticed in the beauty salon of another cosmetologist until she entered APEX Beauty College. Upon graduation she opened her own salon; and

Whereas, with the death of her stepfather in 1952, Ms. Johnson relocated her mother to Washington, D. C., and faithfully cared for her until her mother passed at the age of ninety‑three; and

Whereas, Ms. Johnson is a devoted member and the Mother of Mentrotone Baptist Church, named after a famous gospel quartet led by Reverend Shelton Lee, an Aiken native who moved to Washington and established the church. Here, she served as a deaconess and sang in three choirs; and

Whereas, her heart’s desire has been, in her words, “to make people look pretty” and making herself beautiful to represent the stellar quality of her work for which she has always prided herself; and

Whereas, Virginia Johnson has a joyous spirit and attributes her long life to a prayer she has prayed since childhood, “God, please, never let me hold a grudge that would keep me out of heaven and whatever I lose in life, Lord, please, do not let me lose my mind”; and

Whereas, she never had children, but God gave her many beautiful church daughters and church sons; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her one hundred third birthday and join with her family and her many friends in congratulating her on reaching this extraordinary 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 Virginia Green Johnson of Washington, D. C., on the occasion of her one hundred third birthday 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 provided to Virginia Green Johnson.

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