**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SYLVIA MOULTRIE GARDNER OF GEORGETOWN ON THE OCCASION OF HER SEVENTY‑SIXTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, on July 3, 2021, Sylvia Moultrie Gardner of Georgetown will awaken to a milestone event in her life, her seventy‑sixth birthday; and

Whereas, Sylvia was born on July 3, 1945, to Susie Gardner Prior and Wilphia Moultrie of Georgetown. She began her early childhood education in Georgetown County and received her high school diploma from Howard High School. After graduation, she earned her bachelor’s degree in physical education from Benedict College, followed by a master’s degree in vocational rehabilitation from Coppin State University; and

Whereas, having completed her education, she returned home to Georgetown, where she began her career as an educator for the Georgetown County School District. She retired as a physical education teacher from McDonald Elementary School after thirty‑two years of dedicated service; and

Whereas, Sylvia has always had a true passion for giving back to the community that has given so much to her. She was the founder and owner of Sylvia’s Dance Troupe, which featured youth throughout the many communities within Georgetown County. She also was a co‑coordinator of the Young Leaders, a community‑based organization that taught and provided leadership skills and experiences to elementary students; and

Whereas, Sylvia continues to serve her community. She is a member of the Friends of the Mitney Project Board and serves as head usher at Mt. Olive of Georgetown Baptist Church. Additionally, she plays a significant role in her church’s weekly food and clothes drives; and

Whereas, affectionately named “Ms. Fancy” by a loving cousin, Sylvia is the eldest of her siblings and a true protector of each of them. Further, she is the proud mother of a beautiful daughter, Ramona G. Izzard, as well as grandmother to Jazmon D. Kearse, Esq., and Staff Sergeant Dezmon “Asa” Holmes. She also is “Gi‑Gi” to Kaden McCants and Kamren Holmes; and

Whereas, Sylvia has been deemed the family’s medical doctor and commander‑in‑chief since you can always find her accompanying and advising those in need. She has a reassuring spirit and a benevolent heart; and

Whereas, to honor her at this special time in her life, family and friends will join to celebrate Sylvia Gardner with a birthday drive‑by on Saturday, July 3, 2021; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in honoring this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her seventy‑sixth birthday, and the members join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this important life 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 Sylvia Moultrie Gardner of Georgetown on the occasion of her seventy‑sixth 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 Sylvia Moultrie Gardner.

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