**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DOROTHY BARTON PARK ON THE GRAND OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Whereas, on September 29, 2021, Dorothy Barton Park of Richland County will awaken to the celebration of a milestone event: her one hundredth birthday; and

Whereas, born on September 29, 1921, in North Charleston,  this daughter of the Palmetto State has witnessed remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments over the course of her lifetime, beginning a few years after World War I and continuing into the third decade of the twenty-first century; and

Whereas, in 1942, the young Dorothy married Conrad Ballentine Park, and together they spent nearly seventy years cultivating many cherished memories until his death in 2010; and

Whereas, with her husband, she raised five children: the late Rev. James Barton Park, who was a captain in the United States Air Force, the late Lt. Col. Charles Albert Park, Dr. George Bennet Park, David Conrad Park, and Dr. Dorothy Johanna Park. She also is the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren: Karen Park, Matt Park, Emily Park, Clay Park, Michael Park, Julia Park Miller, and Bryan Jehlen; and

Whereas, in addition to raising a family, she has worked to improve her community, including as an employee of Newberry College and in a volunteer capacity for many charitable causes; and

Whereas, a woman of great faith, she has worshipped over the years at The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Newberry and Bethel Lutheran Church in White Rock; and

Whereas, a true joy to be around, Dorothy Barton Park continues to live her life, taking advantage of all that it has to offer. Since 1992, she has lived at the Heritage at Lowman in White Rock. She still loves cooking, driving her golf cart, cheering for the Newberry College Wolves athletic teams, and visiting with her friends and family; and

Whereas, birthdays provide a special time and opportunity to celebrate and honor those of great importance in our lives, and the Park family is proud to celebrate the centennial birthday of their family matriarch; and

Whereas, it is a great pleasure for the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives to join with Dorothy Barton Park’s family and friends to recognize this momentous occasion and congratulate her on reaching this remarkable 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 Dorothy Barton Park 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 Dorothy Barton Park.

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