**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MARY ANN ADKINS HILL OF BEAUFORT ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, on August 18, 2021, Mary Ann Adkins Hill of Beaufort will awaken to the celebration of a milestone event: her one hundredth birthday; and

Whereas, born August 18, 1921, Mary Ann was the oldest of five children. She and her youngest sibling, Arthur Adkins, remain today to celebrate her centennial birthday. Mary Ann received her early education in the Baker County schools of south Georgia; and

Whereas, a beauty who finished as a runner‑up in the 1936 Miss Georgia Pageant, she left Elmodel to attend nursing school in Atlanta at age seventeen; and

Whereas, this patriotic American enlisted in the military during World War II as a nurse and is thus a veteran. She spent most of her war‑service years at a burn treatment center in Columbia; and

Whereas, following World War II, she was assigned to Westover Field, where she met fellow Georgian Hugh E. Hill, Jr., and married him on July 5, 1946. She outranked him at the time, and, once married, she had to resign her commission. In time, the Hills became the proud parents of two sons, Hugh Hill III (Lisa) and James Hill (Audrey), who gave their mom and dad the joy of five grandchildren, Hugh (Kerri), Tristan, David, Sara, and Rebekah, as well as three great‑grandchildren, Victoria, Ashleigh, and Dawson; and

Whereas, after Hugh’s retirement from the United States Air Force, Mary Ann attended Emory University at approximately age fifty‑five and was one of the first ob/gyn nurse practitioners in Georgia. She worked as a traveling nurse practitioner for state health centers in several counties surrounding Atlanta; and

Whereas, when Mary Ann was age ninety‑two, because of health concerns it became necessary for her to move near her elder son and reside at Morningside Assisted Living Facility in Beaufort, a transfer that made her a resident of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mary Ann enjoys the activities at Morningside and adds to her pleasure by watching news on television and discussing current events. Her favorite food is ice cream, particularly chocolate, and she looks forward to her weekly chocolate milkshake, which her elder son brings her every Sunday; and

Whereas, it is a great pleasure to honor this adopted daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her one hundredth birthday and to 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 Mary Ann Adkins Hill of Beaufort on the occasion of her one hundredth 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 Mary Ann Adkins Hill.

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