**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE CLEO JACKSON WILLIAMS OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that Cleo Jackson Williams of Hartsville will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on April 5, 2022; and

Whereas, born in the Centerville Community of Hartsville in the first quarter of the twentieth century, she has witnessed many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe from that time into the first quarter of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, Cleo Jackson Williams was one of sixteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Boykin Jackson, Sr., and the entire family worshiped at Centerville African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. In 1941, she graduated from Butler High School; and

Whereas, after she married, she became a faithful member of Kingsman United Methodist Church, where she served in numerous ministries over the years; and

Whereas, together with her beloved husband, the late Hercules Williams who was a farmer, she reared three fine children: Carolyn, Ted, and Doris. Her children have blessed her with five adoring grandchildren and seven great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, Mrs. Williams would feed all of the people who worked on the farm located three miles outside of Hartsville at Lees Crossroads, and in the summers, she especially enjoyed picking the vegetables from the garden; and

Whereas, while her husband continued to oversee the farm, she was employed at the Fifth Street Cleaners and at Legg’s Hosiery, Inc., from which she retired after twenty years of faithful service; and

Whereas, knowing the importance of education, Mrs. Williams made an effort to send her children to schools of higher learning after they completed high school. Carolyn went to nursing school, Ted graduated from Morris College, and Doris graduated from Claflin University; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her one hundredth birthday, and the members join with her family and 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 Cleo Jackson Williams of Darlington County on the occasion of her one hundredth 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 presented to Cleo Jackson Williams.

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