**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. ROSA BRIGGS CARRAWAY OF HARTSVILLE ON THE GRAND OCCASION OF HER NINETY‑SEVENTH BIRTHDAY, TO CELEBRATE THIS MOMENTOUS MILESTONE, AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Rosa Briggs Carraway of Hartsville will celebrate her ninety‑seventh birthday on October 24, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Manning on October 24, 1925, Rosa Briggs came into this world the daughter of Ben and Irene Walker Briggs, was the oldest of five children, and attended Clarendon County Public School. Growing up during the Great Depression, Rosa and her siblings spent their time working on the family farm, planting and harvesting cotton, tobacco, and potatoes, and raising chickens, hogs, goats, and milking cows. Always a hard worker, the young Rosa was known to be one of the best cotton pickers; and

Whereas, as a young adult, Rosa and her family moved to Hartsville where she met and later married Eddie Carraway. The two were blessed with five children who gave their parents the joy of four grandchildren and many great‑grandchildren and great‑great‑grandchildren. Rosa was a devoted wife and remains a loving mother and grandmother; and

Whereas, throughout her life, Mrs. Carraway always held a job outside of the home, working hard to provide for her family. For thirty years, she was employed by Joe and Penn Anthony Lawton of the Hartsville Oil Mill, as well as the Anthony and Davis families before retiring; and

Whereas, as a woman of faith, Mrs. Carraway took great care instilling in her family the love of Christ. She has long been a devoted member and the Mother of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church where she has served as a member of the usher board, the gospel choir, the Carraway Family Singers, and as a missionary. Her grandchildren have known her to be a praying grandma and a women of strong faith who has loved God all of her life; and

Whereas, blessed with a long and active life, full of memories with family and friends, Mrs. Carraway has been privileged to witness history as it has unfolded, and has experienced many changes throughout her lifetime; and

Whereas, the House is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her ninety‑seventh 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 Mrs. Rosa Briggs Carraway of Hartsville on the grand occasion of her ninety‑seventh birthday, celebrate this momentous milestone, and wish her a joyous birthday celebration.

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