**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE EMMA WYNETTE BLACKWELL CUMMINGS MILLER OF GREENWOOD 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, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Emma Wynette Blackwell Cummings Miller will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on November 12, 2022; and

Whereas, born on November 12, 1922, in the first quarter of the twentieth century, she has witnessed the 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, a lifetime resident of Greenwood County, Mrs. Miller is the daughter of the late Mary Sue Blackwell Cummings and Deevid R. Cummings, and she attended East End Elementary and Brewer High School; and

Whereas, at an early age, she joined Pine Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church where she served as the church organist, church school secretary, and Sunday school teacher; and

Whereas, Mrs. Miller earned a bachelor’s degree from Allen University and a master’s degree from Atlanta University, and she attended Voorhees College, Spelman College, Lander University, Clemson University, and South Carolina State University; and

Whereas, Mrs. Miller began her teaching career teaching all grades in a one‑room school at Springfield Baptist Church. She retired after forty‑two years, having taught at North Hodges Elementary School, Aldary Elementary School in Donalds, Emma Mattox Elementary School in Ware Shoals, East End Elementary, Brewer High School, and Emerald Junior High School; and

Whereas, she and her late husband, Warren “Jack” Miller, raised two fine children, Marilyn Miller Woodruff and Dr. Deevid O. Miller. Her children blessed her with the affection of four loving grandchildren: Marina W. Woodruff, William R. Woodruff, Deevid R. Miller, and the late Warren E. Miller. She has two great‑grandchildren, Deallo K. Miller and Scott A. Woodruff; and

Whereas, after she married, Mrs. Miller joined St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church where she faithfully served as a steward, second vice president of the missionary, a member of the senior choir, the director of the ushers, and a frequent delegate to the Piedmont Annual conference; and

Whereas, for forty‑eight years, she has been a member of the Iota Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is a Silver Star and Life member of the sorority, has served as president and in several other leadership positions, and has fulfilled the sorority’s motto well: Service to All Mankind; and

Whereas, she has been a member of the Charmelette Social Club for sixty years and has served in leadership positions of the Hodges‑Cokesbury Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, the National Council of Negro Women, and the Yellow Jasmine Garden Club. She served as a board member of the Greenwood County Library, as a volunteer for the Greenwood City and County Museum, and as treasurer of the Cokesbury Family Reunion Club; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her one hundredth birthday and 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 Emma Wynette Blackwell Cummings Miller of Greenwood 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 Emma Wynette Blackwell Cummings Miller.

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