**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MOTHER ADELL JULIA “JULIE” GREEN THOMPSON ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYFUL CELEBRATION.

Whereas, on October 10, 2022, Mother Adell Julia “Julie” Green Thompson will awaken to the celebration of a milestone event: her one hundred seventh birthday; and

Whereas, born in Santee to Adam Ferguson Green, Sr., and Alice Seaberry Green, Adell Julia “Julie” Green Thompson came into this world on October 10, 1915. She enjoyed the blessing of four brothers and one sister; and

Whereas, she was educated at the Orangeburg Training School in Elloree, and prior to her graduation she served the school as a substitute teacher for second grade. Mrs. Thompson graduated from the eleventh grade (the highest grade at that time) in June 1963 and received an “A” degree and a scholarship. She received her teacher certification upon completion of her college courses and taught at the Parler School (the family school); and

Whereas, the young Julie met Eddie Thompson, Sr., and the two were wed on December 24, 1940, and the couple was blessed with four children: Maxine, Eddie, Jr., Hayward, and Eddie Johnathan (now deceased). In addition, Mrs. Thompson has six grandchildren, fourteen great‑grandchildren, and four great‑great grandchildren (including a set of twins, a family tradition); and

Whereas, Mrs. Thompson provided for her family by working on the family farm of her brothers, especially on the sweet potato farm, until December 1993. Further, she provided domestic services for many families in the community over many years and picked cotton. She worked hard but also had hobbies she enjoyed during her early life, such as gardening; raising chickens; quilting; and making home‑crafted candy, jams, lye soap, and remedies for colds and various aches and pains. Within the family, she passed down two of these traditions: quilting, to her daughter, Maxine; and making lye soap, to her eldest grandson, Andrew; and

Whereas, at the age of twelve, Mrs. Thompson joined the Chapel Hill Baptist Church of Santee, where she was a faithful member and served as a Sunday School secretary and Mother of the Church. In 1941, Mrs. Thompson joined Parlerville AME Church to worship and serve alongside her husband, Eddie, Sr. She also served at Parlerville as Sunday School secretary and Mother of the Church, a title she retains to this day; and

Whereas, Mrs. Thompson, who has lived to see twenty U.S. presidents inaugurated, marvels over the fact that she has lived to see the first Black president and first female Black vice president. She still has hobbies that she enjoys, including rolling coins, watching *NBC Nightly News* and *WIS News 10*, reading *The Times and Democrat* newspaper, and viewing the Games Show Network. She’s still an avid reader of the Bible, *The Word for You Today*, and *Our Daily Bread* devotionals; and

Whereas, it is a great pleasure to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her one hundred seventh 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 Mother Adell Julia “Julie” Green Thompson on the occasion of her one hundred seventh birthday and wish her a joyful celebration.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mother Adell Julia “Julie” Green Thompson.

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