**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DOROTHY THOMPSON ALSTON OF BEAUFORT 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 Dorothy Thompson Alston of Beaufort County will celebrate her centennial birthday on May 29, 2013; and

Whereas, born in Dale, South Carolina, on May 29, 1913, she has witnessed many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, she was born Dorcas Thompson, one of eleven children of the late Miller and Miley Gadsden Thompson and received her early education in the public schools in Beaufort County; and

Whereas, during her childhood nestled in the Lowcountry, her name was changed from the biblical name Dorcas to Dorothy; and

Whereas, in 1935, she married her beloved husband, the late Walter W. Alston, Sr., and together they reared five fine sons: Walter, Glenn, Edward, Carl, and Sammie. They blessed their parents with eleven adoring grandchildren, nine great‑grandchildren, and one great‑great‑grandchild; and

Whereas, the Alstons operated a small business, and among other jobs, Mrs. Alston was employed at Garland Knitting Mills and Clemson Extension Nutrition and Development; and

Whereas, from the age of fourteen, she has been an active and devoted member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, serving as a member of the choir, a Sunday school teacher, and missionary president; and

Whereas, a member of the Eastern Star, she enjoyed playing baseball and following her favorite baseball team, the Los Angeles Dodgers; 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 Dorothy Thompson Alston of Beaufort 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 provided to Dorothy Thompson Alston.

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