**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE QUINCY PRUITT KNIGHTON OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY MORE YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are delighted to learn that Mother Quincy Pruitt Knighton of Beaufort County will celebrate her one hundredth birthday surrounded by family and friends on Saturday, June 15, 2013; and

Whereas, born on June 12, 1913, in the early part 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 second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, the daughter of the late Samuel and Mariah Pruitt, she was born in Barbour County, Alabama, and is the sole survivor of her parents’ thirteen children; and

Whereas, at the age of eighteen, she moved to Battle Creek, Michigan, where she later met and married the love of her life, Leroy Knighton; and

Whereas, during the Civil Rights Movement, she marched in Birmingham, Montgomery, and Tuskegee, Alabama, and she traveled to the Michigan State House for a day where the crowd marched and prayed for freedom; and

Whereas, Mother Knighton was a member of the NAACP and the Urban League, and she was a flag bearer marching together with blacks and whites for higher paying job opportunities and better homes for blacks; and

Whereas, she worked at Battle Creek Sanitarian, a health resort, and as a model at L. W. Robinson Department Store. When buyers came into the store, she modeled hats and clothing at showings, and she also modeled for hairdressers; and

Whereas, she remembers being converted on one Wednesday night, then becoming a member of Galilee Baptist Church in Barbour County, Alabama, where she later served as secretary of her Sunday school, a member of the Junior Missionary, and a member of Junior Choir. While she lived in Battle Creek, Michigan, she joined Second Baptist Church; and

Whereas, her beloved husband worked as an engineer on the railroad for thirty‑five years in Michigan, and during this time she enjoyed the luxury of riding the train on a pass to go wherever she wanted to go; and

Whereas, upon moving to Beaufort, Mother Knighton joined Calvary Baptist Church in Lobeco, then moved her membership to Mt. Carmel Baptist Church where she is one of the Church Mothers, attending church almost every Sunday because she believes it her duty to help others in the Christian walk of life; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to honor this daughter of the South at the celebration of her centennial birthday and join many well‑wishers to congratulate her on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, congratulate Quincy Pruitt Knighton of Beaufort County, upon the occasion of her one hundredth birthday, and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and many more years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Quincy Pruitt Knighton.

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