**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BILLYE AND PEGGIE WEST OF NEWBERRY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Billye and Peggie West of Newberry will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 30, 2013; and

Whereas, few successes in life are greater than a marriage that endures the test of time and grows stronger with each passing year, for the long‑lasting loving support of a spouse is unmatched in its importance and cannot be overestimated; and

Whereas, married on June 30, 1963, Newberry native Billye West and his Cameron‑born sweetheart, the former Peggie Smith, have demonstrated a commitment to one another over the past fifty years that has served as an inspiration to all who know them; and

Whereas, Billye considers it one of the crowning achievements of his life that he was able to persuade Peggie to become his dear wife. God has blessed them with five children, who have given their parents the joy of six grandchildren, the eldest of whom is presently a junior at Clemson University; and

Whereas, their five children now operate West Electrical Contractors, started by Billye, as well as thirteen other companies in construction and real estate, all family‑owned businesses. The indefatigable Billye still works twelve‑hour days at West Electrical, and no one seems able to slow him down; and

Whereas, highly respected throughout the Newberry community and the State of South Carolina, Billye and Peggie West are very active in the community and generous in their public service. Both have worked tirelessly to promote Newberry County, enhance economic development, and support education; and

Whereas, in just the past few years, Peggie, a homemaker, has served on the Newberry Hospital Foundation Board, Newberry Opera House Board, and Newberry Opera House Guild. She is currently president of the Newberry County Historical Society; and

Whereas, Billye serves on the Newberry College Board of Trustees and is a member of the Mid‑State Quail & Dove Association. In addition, he has served on the Boys Farm Board of Directors, Newberry County Chamber Economic Development Board, and Newberry Airport Commission; and

Whereas, as people of faith, Billye and Peggie are active members of First Baptist Church of Newberry, where Peggie sings in the choir. They are also past members of the Newberry Jaycees and serve as dedicated and active supporters of Newberry Academy; and

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Senate express their congratulations to these two special South Carolinians on reaching the milestone of their golden wedding anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Billye and Peggie West of Newberry on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of blessing and fulfillment.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Billye and Peggie West.

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