**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. LOUISE JOHNSON OF EFFINGHAM ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the Senate are pleased to learn that Mrs. Louis Johnson of Effingham, South Carolina, will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on March 10, 2016; and

Whereas, Mrs. Johnson was born on March 10, 1916. Widowed at a young age, Mrs. Johnson was left to raise eight children by herself; and

Whereas, Mrs. Johnson worked as a farmer, sharecropper, housekeeper, and caregiver in order to provide for her family. She worked at Womack Garden and Effingham Cannery and a convalescent home, known to her as Cripple Children Home, for nearly ten years; and

Whereas, after her children were grown, she took in children from the area who didn’t have a home and worked as a babysitter; and

Whereas, Mrs. Johnson is the oldest member of Savannah Grove Baptist Church, where she sings in the senior choir and on the usher board; and

Whereas, in addition to her eight children, Mrs. Johnson has twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-nine great grandchildren, and twelve great great grandchildren; and

Whereas, the Senate is proud to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her one hundredth birthday, and the members join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Mrs. Louise Johnson of Effingham on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Louise Johnson.

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