**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAGNOLIA ROBINSON WILLIAMS OF SUMTER COUNTY FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDICATION AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY, FAMILY, CAREER, AND CHURCH.

Whereas, born in Rembert and the daughter of Sarah Dow Robinson and Deacon David Robinson, Magnolia Robinson has been a devoted and life‑long member of Rafting Creek Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, she completed her secondary education at the renowned Mather Academy in 1948 and moved to Sumter to attend Morris College where she met her beloved Frank Edward Williams; and

Whereas, married from 1949 until his death in 2007, they raised four fine children, Georgia Donnell, Frank Edward, Jr., James Elbert, and Sandra Deniece; and

Whereas, Magnolia Williams added her business acumen to her husband’s already prospering funeral home enterprise, and she has served her community as a licensed funeral director for more than fifty years; and

Whereas, a member for over thirty years of the North Main Street Community Club, she has served as its vice president and treasurer, and she has been a member of the Mary McCleod Bethune Section of the National Council of Negro Women and the Sumter branch of the NAACP; and

Whereas, she has served her church as the president of the Gospel Choir for more than forty years, as the president and founder of the female gospel group the Gospellettes to support the church and the surrounding community, and as the chairperson of the Outreach Alliance that supports Sumter Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, the Greenhouse, and the Safe House for Abused Women; and

Whereas, her numerous awards include Accenting Baptist Leadership in South Carolina presented by the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina in 1988 and 1992, Rafting Creek Missionary Baptist Church’s 1992 award for Outstanding and Dedicated Services, and the Women of Distinction Award conferred by the Northeast Conference Branch of the Women’s Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1993; and

Whereas, widely traveled at home and abroad, she has proudly served the Sumter community and has credited a profound legacy with her gracious devotion to her profession and her church. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Magnolia Robinson Williams of Sumter County for a lifetime of dedication and distinguished service to her community, family, career, and church.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Magnolia Robinson Williams.

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