**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. LILLIAN LEWIS WILSON OF FLORENCE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Mrs. Lillian Lewis Wilson of Florence County will celebrate her ninetieth birthday on April 9, 2011; and

Whereas, born on April 9, 1921, to William and Wilhelmina Lewis and reared in Bishopville, Lillian Lewis Wilson came into this world when the twentieth century was still in its youth, and she has been witness to nearly all the incredible changes and developments that have come to this nation from that time into the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, the young Lillian graduated from Morris College and shortly thereafter began a long career as a teacher, mother, church worker, and community volunteer; and

Whereas, while she was employed in the Lake City school system, she met and married the late Reverend Joseph A. Wilson, Sr., and together they ministered across the State of South Carolina for fifty years. Mrs. Wilson served her husband as advisor and partner, as well as associate in United Methodist parish ministry; and

Whereas, for thirty‑five years, she taught in the elementary and middle schools of South Carolina, beginning in the St. Stephen public schools. Thereafter, she moved to Lake City and began a stay of almost twenty years in the Lake City schools. As her husband’s ministry took them to other locations, she also taught in the schools of Bamberg and Marlboro Counties. She taught many students who have achieved success in their chosen professions, including a current dean at Claflin University and the present mayor of Lake City, the Honorable Lovith Anderson, Jr.; and

Whereas, during the civil rights movement, Mrs. Wilson assisted various individuals in learning to read portions of the Constitution and related documents in preparation for their registration to vote. Since retirement, she has assisted many needy persons with preparation for the GED exam as they have sought to secure a high school diploma; and

Whereas, she has been a faithful mother and molder of character for her four children, Reverend Joseph A. Wilson, pastor of I.D. Newman Church in Columbia and retired South Carolina Circuit Court judge; Brazellia Baker, project manager for Boys and Girls Clubs’ national headquarters; Donald Wilson, project manager for Northrop Grumman Corporation; and Deloris Sanders, administrator for Cobb County Schools of Atlanta; and

Whereas, to honor Mrs. Wilson at this very special time, her loved ones will join with her to celebrate her ninetieth birthday on April 9, 2011, at Cumberland United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her ninetieth 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 House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Mrs. Lillian Lewis Wilson of Florence County on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mrs. Lillian Lewis Wilson.

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