**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE WILLIE RANSOM OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Willie Ransom of Orangeburg County celebrated his one hundredth birthday on March 16, 2012; and

Whereas, the son of Oscar and Dranna Mack Ransom, Willie Ransom was born on March 16, 1912, in the early part of the twentieth century, and he 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, the young Willie was the fifth of ten children. In 1933, he married Emerline Jackson, and the couple had ten children of their own; and

Whereas, working most of his life as a farmer and carpenter, Willie Ransom was also an entrepreneur. A resident of North, he was known around town as the man in the beige truck with the delicious boiled peanuts. In addition, he was employed by the Savannah River Plant and later retired from Wilbert Vault Company of Cayce; and

Whereas, his reputation for generosity derives from his practice of freely sharing with those in the North community. His neighbors know he also possesses a wonderful sense of humor and a love for people; and

Whereas, believing a man should participate actively in the life of his community, he served for a time on the North School Board and is a deacon at St. Dorcas Baptist Church; and

Whereas, to mark Willie Ransom’s centennial birthday, his family and friends will hold a celebratory event in his honor on March 31, 2012, at Brookland Baptist Conference Center in West Columbia; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to honor this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his one hundredth birthday and joins with his family and friends in congratulating him 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 Willie Ransom of Orangeburg County on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday, and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Willie Ransom.

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