**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. R. J. HARLEY OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Mr. R. J. Harley of Orangeburg County celebrated his ninetieth birthday on March 9, 2012; and

Whereas, born in 1922, he has been witness to so many of the incredible changes, advancements, and developments that have come to this nation from that time into the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, a faithful member of the Jerusalem Baptist Church, he has led a deeply spiritual life; and

Whereas, he was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, the late Corine Harley, and had unflinching commitment as a single father to his seven fine children: Ann, Martha, John, Rose, Mary, Shirley, and Ronnie, who blessed him with an adoring brood of grandchildren and great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, not only did he train and enable his own children to become outstanding and productive citizens, but he also served as a major influence and father figure to many in his community and to other individuals he has touched throughout his life; and

Whereas, for many years, R. J. Harley was a successful baseball player, manager, and coach, and he was a host for some of the finest Southern barbeque and accompanying Southern hospitality in Orangeburg County; and

Whereas, for twenty‑five years he served the South Carolina Department of Transportation with dedication as a maintenance engineer; and

Whereas, throughout his life he has been an accomplished outdoorsman: hunter, fisherman, sharecropper, and farmer; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and join 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 Mr. R. J. Harley of Orangeburg County on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday, and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. R. J. Harley.

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