**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE PALMA BURGESS ANDREWS OF LEE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY‑SIXTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are delighted to learn that Palma Burgess Andrews of Lee County will celebrate her ninety‑sixth birthday on May 17, 2013; and

Whereas, born on May 17, 1917, this native of Clarendon County came into the 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, a retired educator, Mrs. Andrews taught in the public schools of Lee, Marion, and Sumter counties. After retirement, she served as a member of the Lee County Mental Health Board and as clerk for the Lynchburg voting precinct for at least fifteen years; and

Whereas, she is a charter member and former president of the Lee County Section of the National Council of Negro Women, life member of the NAACP, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star’s Queen of Lynchburg Chapter, and member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; and

Whereas, a member of St. Matthew AME Church in Lynchburg, Palma Burgess Andrews has served there as pianist and director of the Senior Choir, steward pro tem, president of the Women’s Missionary Society, conference delegate, and finance secretary; and

Whereas, Mrs. Andrews and her late husband, the Reverend H.B. Andrews, proudly parented their three fine daughters, Judge Pam Andrews‑Brown, Hermenia A. Starchia, and Yvonne A. White; and

Whereas, the Senate is pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her ninety‑sixth birthday, and the members join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this exceptional milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Palma Burgess Andrews of Lee County on the occasion of her ninety‑sixth birthday and wish her much happiness and a joyous birthday celebration.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Palma Burgess Andrews.

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