**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE LEWIS JACKSON BEAUBE OF GREENWOOD ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are delighted to learn that Lewis Jackson Beaube of Greenwood will celebrate his one hundredth birthday on May 4, 2016; and

Whereas, born on May 4, 1916, in the early part of the twentieth century, this native of Baskin, Louisiana, has been witness to nearly all the remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have transformed the world from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, Mr. Beaube, a proud veteran of World War II, has stirring, unforgettable memories from his military service of that era with the U.S. Navy. One story stands out: while Seaman First Class Beaube was in the Pacific fighting against the Japanese, during a night raid on an enemy convoy, a ship crashed into the destroyer on which he served as a radioman. The ship hit the destroyer, the USS Thornton, and put it on its side. Mr. Beaube’s position was two feet from the water. Scrambling to get a safe foothold and anything that might keep him out of the water, he managed to grab a rope and climb toward the ship’s superstructure; and

Whereas, he found a man in a brown suit, not military clothing, standing atop the superstructure. This man silently reached out his hand and pulled Mr. Beaube to the top of the ship as it listed on its side. Then the rescuing stranger walked away and simply vanished. Mr. Beaube has never seen him since; and

Whereas, Lewis Jackson Beaube entered active military service on March 23, 1944, and was honorably discharged on January 27, 1946. For his service, he was awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic‑Pacific Campaign Medal with one Service Star, and World War II Victory Medal; and

Whereas, in memory of those days, Lewis Jackson Beaube has led the procession of veterans in the Greenwood Veterans Day Parade, assisted by his grandson‑in‑law, Nathan Alin Liverman, himself a veteran; and

Whereas, to honor him at this very special time in his life, family and friends will join with Mr. Beaube to celebrate his one hundredth birthday on Sunday, May 15, 2016, at the Greenwood County Veterans Center; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is pleased to honor Lewis Jackson Beaube at the celebration of his centennial birthday, and the members join with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Lewis Jackson Beaube of Greenwood on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday and wish him much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lewis Jackson Beaube.

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