**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AGNES G. DRAYTON OF LEE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are delighted to learn that Agnes G. Drayton of Lee County will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on April 6, 2019; and

Whereas, born the last of eight children and the sixth of six girls to John and Mai Graham, the young Agnes came into this world in Greenwood County on April 6, 1919, 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 second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, educated in the Lee County schools, Agnes was employed in Lee County and is best remembered as the lady working in, and apparently running, City Florist and Nursery; and

Whereas, on February 3, 1936, Agnes wed Edward R. Drayton, Jr., God blessing their union with a fine family of three children, Edward R. Drayton III, Marion G. Drayton, and Thomas A. Drayton. After living in other locations, they built their present home on East Church Street in 1952; and

Whereas, over the years, Agnes raised her children and loved her grandchildren and great‑grandchildren. Although her husband, Edward Drayton, Jr., and other family members have passed on, she enjoys the blessing of nine grandchildren, eleven great‑grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews; and

Whereas, as a woman of faith, Agnes found her spiritual home at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Bishopville, where she is a lifelong member. There she worked diligently in several capacities for eighty‑three years until she was no longer physically able to do so; and

Whereas, Agnes, the matriarch of her family, is highly respected and loved by all who have the privilege of knowing her. To honor her at this very special time in her life, family and friends will join with her to celebrate her centennial birthday on Saturday, April 6, 2019; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her one hundredth 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, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Agnes G. Drayton of Lee County on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Agnes G. Drayton.

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