**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE LURLEAN BESS MACK OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY‑FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, on April 25, 2022, Lurlean Bess Mack of Darlington County awakened to the celebration of a milestone event, her ninety‑fifth birthday; and

Whereas, born to Newton Louis and Annie Peoples Bess, Lurlean entered this world on April 25, 1927, one of seven children. This lifelong resident of Darlington County grew up on the family farm, worked in the community, and attended school and church; and

Whereas, Lurlean began her education in the Oates community at St. John Elementary School, a one‑room wooden building for the Black children of that rural area. Later, Lurlean’s father decided to operate his own school bus to drive the children in the community to town for high school, since it was ten miles away; and

Whereas, in 1943, Lurlean graduated from Butler High School in Hartsville and enrolled at Morris University in Sumter. She majored in biology at Morris University because she always had wanted to become a nurse. Over the course of her career, she worked as a nurse and dietitian at various hospitals, as a school teacher for the Darlington County School District, and as a supervisor for Union Carbide. She retired from the latter position; and

Whereas, Lurlean loved helping others and worked in the community as a social justice advocate. She was a diligent member of the Darlington County Democratic Party and participated in many activities involving political campaigns and voting; and

Whereas, a woman of faith, Lurlean is a lifetime member of St. John United Methodist Church in Lamar. She has served on her church’s administrative board, council of ministries, and youth ministries, and she is also a member of the United Methodist Women; and

Whereas, in God’s good time, Lurlean met James “Jay” Walton Mack, Sr., and the two wed in 1946 and worked on community and church projects together. The Lord blessed their seventy‑year union with five children, James Mack, Jr., Loris Mack, Lerlita Mack Pasley Wingate (Walter), Garbriella Mack White (Allen), and Thaddeus Mack. Four delightful grandchildren followed; and

Whereas, the House takes great pleasure in honoring this lovely lady at the celebration of her ninety‑fifth birthday, and the members join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this important life 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 Lurlean Bess Mack of Darlington County on the occasion of her ninety‑fifth birthday and wish her much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lurlean Bess Mack.

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