**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARY LUCILLE KENNEDY MCDANIEL OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER EIGHTY‑EIGHTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Mary McDaniel of Fairfield County will celebrate her eighty‑eighth birthday on June 2, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Winnsboro on June 2, 1937, Mrs. McDaniel has been privileged to witness many notable social changes, technological advancements, and international events that spanned the globe over eight decades; and

Whereas, the daughter of Miner and Tomie Lee McGraw, Mary Lucille Kennedy is the second of eight children. Her parents instilled strong Christian beliefs and the love of God in her and her siblings and taught them to always rely on God. Upon the early passing of her mother and two years later her father, Mary took on the great responsibility of raising six of her younger siblings; and

Whereas, Mary Kennedy married her beloved sweetheart, Eddie McDaniel, and God blessed the couple with six fine children: Jessie, Ronald, Eddie Mae, Annie, Sandra, and Susan. Their children have given them the joy of ten grandchildren, fifteen great‑grandchildren, and several great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, a woman of tremendous and profound faith, Mrs. McDaniel has been a devout member of St. Matthew’s First Baptist Church and has served as the church clerk for over fifty‑five years. A lover of Psalms, her favorite scripture and one that she has chosen to live by is Psalms 23. Virtuous and loving, her family and friends have been witnesses to the light God has shined through her kind spirit; and

Whereas, the Mary Kennedy McDaniel First Generation Scholarship was established to honor Mrs. McDaniel for her tireless efforts in making sure that her children had an opportunity to receive a college education. This scholarship is awarded to students in Fairfield County who are the first person in their immediate family to attend college; and

Whereas, Mrs. McDaniel spends her days watching her flowers grow, talking on the phone with her friends and visiting with her dear neighbor, Audry Kennedy, and caring for her dog, Cocoa and her three cats. She also continues to enjoy cooking for her family and friends and is truly a blessing to everyone she meets; and

Whereas, the House takes great pleasure in honoring this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her eighty‑eighth 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, recognize and honor Mary Lucille Kennedy McDaniel of Fairfield County on the occasion of her eighty‑eighth 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 Mrs. Mary Lucille Kennedy McDaniel.

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