**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JUDGE GEORGE ALBERT THOMY OF LAKE CITY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that the Honorable George Albert Thomy, a former municipal judge in Lake City, celebrated his one hundredth birthday on June 2, 2015; and

Whereas, born on June 2, 1915, in the early part of the twentieth century, he has witnessed many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, he was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina and moved to Lake City as a small child, graduated from Lake City High School, and has resided in this idyllic community for the better part of his century‑long life; and

Whereas, a decorated first lieutenant in Company C of the 320th Infantry, he served in the United States Army from 1942 until 1945 during World War II and was hospitalized for several months while recuperating from critical injuries sustained on the battlefield; and

Whereas, he commenced his education at The Citadel before his military deployment to France and Germany and completed it at the University of South Carolina School of Law; and

Whereas, admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1952, he began his professional career in Lake City the same year, opening his law practice, Nettles, Thomy, and Smith; and

Whereas, the first municipal judge of Lake City, Judge Thomy was selected in 1976, a compassionate, conscientious, and consistent public servant until his retirement from the bench in 1992; and

Whereas, with an abiding commitment to his community, he served as a member of the City Council of Lake City, president of Stock Investments, and chairman of the Industrial Loan and Development Commission of South Carolina, and he was honored as Lake City Young Man of the Year, Lake City Man of the Year, and inclusion in the Young Men of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Judge Thomy was active in the American Legion, South Carolina Jaycees, Association of Trial Lawyers, Roman Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Rotary Club, and several bar associations, and he wrote a weekly column for the local newspaper until 2006; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, the late Caronell Irene Jordan, he reared three fine children: Dr. James J. Thomy, Gwendolyn Thomy Daniel, and Gregory G. Thomy. They have blessed him with the love of eight grandchildren and seven great‑grandchildren, with another one on the way; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to honor this outstanding South Carolinian at the celebration of his one hundredth birthday and join with his family and friends in celebrating this extraordinary 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 Judge George Albert Thomy of Lake City on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday, and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Judge Thomy.

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