**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. ELLIS STOCKMAN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 26, 2015, AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HAPPINESS.

Whereas, Mr. Ellis Stockman was born in Prosperity, South Carolina in 1915; and

Whereas, Mr. Stockman married his late wife Mary Ruth on August 27, 1937. The couple has two children, Magdeline (Jack) Sutton of Rock Hill, South Carolina, and Rev. Russell (Barbara) Stockman of Nairobi, Kenya. They have five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, like many during his time, Mr. Stockman joined the United States Navy and was stationed on the island of Samar on PT Boat 17 during World War II; and

Whereas, after he returned home from the war, Mr. Stockman moved to Batesburg-Leesville where he became the principal of Batesburg-Leesville High School in 1946. He served there for thirty-one years and retired in 1977. Generations of students were blessed to have Mr. Stockman as principal; and

Whereas, Mr. Stockman was a member of the Lions Club for sixty years. He was made a Melvin Jones Fellow for his dedicated humanitarian service and has also received the International President’s Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Stockman is a local treasure in his community. He still attends his church, St. Johns Methodist. Mr. Stockman has never truly retired because he remains active in a community that loves him; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate are pleased to honor this son of South Carolina for the celebration of his one hundredth 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 Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Mr. Ellis Stockman on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday on February 26, 2015, and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Ellis Stockman.

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