**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JAMES MORRIS HODGES UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS SEVENTY‑NINTH 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 pleased to learn that James Morris Hodges will celebrate his seventy‑ninth birthday on March 30, 2016, after fifty‑two years of dedicated service to his customers at Arcade Barber Shop; and

Whereas, born in Mullins on March 30, 1937, he is the son of Jesse Morris and Maola Smith Hodges, and he was educated in the schools in Mullins; and

Whereas, Mr. Hodges has witnessed many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe from the time of his birth into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas on February 28, 1964, James Hodges completed Barber College at the South Carolina Trade School in Columbia and began his career as a registered barber under Lloyd Davis in the Arcade Hotel Barber Shop in Hartsville; and

Whereas, he later bought the business from Mr. Davis, and after renovations to the building were completed, he opened the Arcade Barber Shop on College Avenue in Hartsville in 1980; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, the late Alma Hodges, he reared two fine sons, James M. Hodges, Jr., and Jonathan Eric Hodges. Supposing himself twice blessed, he is now married to his devoted wife, Rachel Brown Hodges; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Hartsville, Mr. Hodges serves as the secretary of the Living Hope Sunday School class; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his seventy‑ninth birthday and join with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching 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 James Morris Hodges upon the occasion of his seventy‑ninth 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 James Morris Hodges.

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