**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE LURA JAYNE PARKER ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are delighted to learn that Lura Jayne Parker of Anderson County will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on April 23, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Anderson on April 23, 1922, in the first quarter of the twentieth century, she has witnessed the many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe from that time into the first quarter of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, Mrs. Parker is the daughter of William Carl and Maude Louise Austin, the ninth of their eleven children; and

Whereas, she and her beloved husband, the late Joseph William Parker, Jr., were married on July 11, 1948, and celebrated sixty‑one years of marriage before his passing, and together they reared a fine daughter; and

Whereas, Mrs. Parker was blessed with two loving grandchildren, five great‑grandchildren, and one great‑great‑grandchild; and

Whereas, after serving her State, Mrs. Parker retired from the South Carolina Employment Security Commission; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, she has been a faithful, loyal member of many churches in South Carolina; and

Whereas, in her free time, Mrs. Parker enjoys art and calligraphy, as well as spending time with family and watching Clemson University athletics; and

Whereas, on the occasion of her centennial birthday, her family and friends will gather to honor her at a celebratory event to be held on April 9, 2022; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate takes great pleasure in honoring this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her one hundredth birthday and is pleased to join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Lura Jayne Parker on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and many years of happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lura Jayne Parker.

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