**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE GEORGIA DURDEN BLACKSTON OF AIKEN COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, on June 14, 2021, Georgia Durden Blackston of North Augusta in Aiken County will awaken to the celebration of a milestone event, her ninetieth birthday; and

Whereas, born the twelfth of thirteen children to Jack and Beatrice Durden, Georgia Durden Blackston entered this world on June 14, 1931, in Norristown, Georgia. She graduated from Adrian High school in 1948 and afterwards moved to Augusta, Georgia, where she lived with her oldest sister; and

Whereas, while working at Lily Tulip, the young Georgia met the man who was to become her husband and dated him for three months. Georgia and Charles T. “Charlie” Blackston were married on July 22, 1950, the Lord blessing their union with three children, Vickie, Charles, and Pam. In God’s time, further blessings followed: seven grandchildren, Cal, Shea, Lauren, Chad, Drew, Kayla, and Dylan, as well as seven great‑grandchildren, with another to come; and

Whereas, Charlie, who always treated his wife like a queen, was married to Georgia for a blissful fifty‑eight and a half years. Known affectionately as “Papa” by his grandchildren, he passed away in December 2008; and

Whereas, from 1969 to 1970, Georgia attended Augusta Technical School, where she trained in cosmetology. She worked in her own beauty shop from 1970 to 2007; and

Whereas, a woman of faith, Georgia has served the Lord as a member of Fleming Baptist Church for sixty‑nine years. Loved by all, she is known by many as Georgia, by her children as “Mama,” and by her grandchildren and great‑grandchildren as “Nannie”; and

Whereas, it is a great pleasure to honor this lovely lady at the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and to 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, congratulate Georgia Durden Blackston of Aiken County on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday and wish her much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Georgia Durden Blackston.

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