**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE CARRIE BELL WHITE SCOTT ON THE GRAND OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Whereas, on July 14, 1921, Carrie Bell White Scott was born in Marion to the late Henry and Martha Ellison White. Her family, including her brother, Robert Edward, moved to Andrews when she was still young, shortly after which her father inherited a house and farmland upon his father’s death. Though life could be difficult socially and economically, particularly through the 1920’s and 1930’s, they were always able to produce plenty of food from the fields; and

Whereas, Carrie received her education at a local school for African American children. She was only able to receive an education through the tenth grade at the time, but while there, she managed to meet a young man, Leroy Scott, Sr., whom she married on April 9, 1946. Together they experienced the hardships and joys of marriage over the next seventy‑one years and were blessed with five children; and

Whereas, a natural provider for others, Carrie taught her children all of the basic skills, such as counting, reading, and the knowledge necessary to know the date, before sending them off to school to receive an education. As her children aged, she realized there was more she wished to do, and found a job working in the school cafeteria. There, she could be of assistance to many of the children in the community; and

Whereas, Mrs. Scott has continued to plant a garden each year, often thinking of others, she is quick to share what she has grown, and in return others are quick to share their own fortunes with her. In addition, she has eagerly given back in other forms as well. Over the last ten years, she has assisted the town’s reading program, summer feeding program, and volunteers at the local election precinct; and

Whereas, a woman of great faith, Mrs. Scott often shows her love for the Lord. A member of Piney Grove Baptist Church, before the COVID‑19 pandemic disrupted normal attendance, she was an active member who attended the Ministers Wives Auxiliary meetings, served on the Stewardess Board, and sang in the church choir. She also often showed support to her husband, Rev. Leroy Scott, Sr., who was the assistant pastor of Mt. Lebanon AME Church, despite the fact that they were of different denominations. Regardless of what was needed, she stood by his side. Blessed with a long, healthy, and active life, she has remained humble and has espoused God’s many blessings.

Whereas, birthdays provide a special time and opportunity to celebrate and honor those of great importance in our lives, and Carrie Bell White Scott’s family is proud to celebrate the centennial birthday of their family matriarch on July 14, 2021; and

Whereas, it is a great pleasure for the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives to join with Carrie Bell White Scott’s family and friends to recognize this momentous occasion and congratulate her on reaching this remarkable 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 Carrie Bell White Scott of the grand occasion of her one hundredth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Carrie Bell White Scott.

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