

H. 4111.

Introduced by Representatives Herbkersman and W. Newton.

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF JENNIE LAVONIA WILLIAMS KITTY OF BEAUFORT COUNTY AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

WHEREAS, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Jennie Lavonia Williams Kitty at the age of ninety on March 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in Port Royal on July 4, 1930, Jennie Kitty was the daughter of the late Thelma Williams and Jacob Williams. She graduated from Robert Smalls High School and continued studies in nursing at Penn Center on St. Helena to become a credentialed nurse midwife, delivering thirty-nine children during her career; and

WHEREAS, after a while in New York City, she returned to the Lowcountry, where she met and married her beloved husband, the late Deacon Renty "Busby" Kitty, Sr. They reared nine fine children: Harold Williams of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Robert "Brother Kitty," Brenda "MeMe" Kitty, Reverend Dr. Renty Kitty, Jon Kitty, Bryant Kitty, and John Kitty, all of Bluffton, as well as the late Roberta Kitty and the late Marie Kitty Jones; and

WHEREAS, her children blessed her with the affection of twenty-two grandchildren: Renoldo Jenkins, Anita Dunn, Harold Lee Williams, Jr., Recardo Kitty, Nicole Carriado, Beau Kitty, Jalanah Kitty, Bryant Kitty, Arthur Kitty, Makiba Kitty White, Dimitrious Howell, Renty Kitty III, Jennifer Kitty King, Jamerson Kitty, Jamison Kitty, Rhonda Williams, Trena Jones, Ely Jones, Willie Jones, Brenda Jones, Ebony Jones, as well as the late Bobby Frazier. She was delighted to see the continuation of her loving family legacy in twenty-eight great-grandchildren and even further in five great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, at the age of twelve, she trusted Christ while attending Bethlehem Baptist Church in Port Royal, and in 1952, she joined Zion Baptist Church in Bluffton and faithfully served as president of the Senior Choir and Missionary board, as founder and president of the Women's Ministry, and on the Ushers' Board and Auxiliary boards at First Zion Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, whenever she was delivering a child and found herself in unfamiliar or dangerous circumstances, she would call Dr. Donald Gatch, a