A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING 104-YEAR-OLD IRENE PERRY OF GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE OCCASION OF HER FIRST VISIT TO THE NEW CAPITOL BUILDING AND THE CITY OF JACKSON.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Irene Perry was born on December 4, 1897, in Charleston, Mississippi, to the late Mr. Bennie and Liza Haskins, and grew up on the Crenshaw Farm in Charleston, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, she was married to the late Mr. Joe Perry, and they lived together until the death of her loving husband; and

WHEREAS, she later moved to Greenwood, Mississippi, and joined the Greater Turner Chapel AME Church, and served as a class leader for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Perry is presently serving as President of the Stewardesses Board, and is still active in her church after 62 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Perry was born before the New Capitol Building was constructed in 1900-1903, and will be making her first visit to the State Capitol, her first trip to Jackson, and will be shaking hands with state officials for the first time in her 104 years; and

WHEREAS, through the blessing of God, Mrs. Perry has lived during three centuries and is a priceless living history, and it is with great pride that we acknowledge the charitable and civic service of this Mississippian on this auspicious event:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate 104-year-old Irene Perry of Greenwood, Mississippi, on the occasion of her first visit to the State Capitol. We thank

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Reverend Cedell Raggs, Pastor of Greater Turner Chapel AME Church for making the accomplishments of Mrs. Perry known to us, and we wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Perry and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.