A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
MARY MAGDLEN McFARLAND STEPHENS’ 102ND BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Mary Magdlen McFarland Stephens was born May 23, 1917, in Chesterfield County and later moved to the Greenhill Community in Darlington County, South Carolina where she attended Greenhill Community School in Hartsville; and

WHEREAS, Mary Magdlen McFarland Stephens raised her seven children - Bonnie, John, Mary, Essie, Clarence, Harvey, and Janie. After the death of her sister, she also raised her sister’s four children - Sara, James, Evelyn, and Verna Graham; and

WHEREAS, from 1968 to 2014, Mary Magdlen McFarland Stephens woke up every morning around 6 a.m. to open her doors for the neighbors’ kids, fed them breakfast, and made sure they stayed warm and safe; and

WHEREAS, Mary Magdlen McFarland Stephens has been referred to as the Missionary of the Community because she helps anyone who is sick or in need; and

WHEREAS, Mary Magdlen McFarland Stephens attends Greenhill Missionary Baptist Church where she is recognized and honored as the Mother of the Church; and

WHEREAS, Mary Magdlen McFarland Stephens’ hobbies include canning, especially vegetable soup, and quilting; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2017, Members of the South Carolina Senate, by resolution, recognized and congratulated Mary Magdlen McFarland Stephens on the occasion of her one-hundredth birthday; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2019, Mary Magdlen McFarland Stephens attained the age of 102 years old - an incredible milestone in her life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that members of Darlington County Council wish to recognize and congratulate Mary Magdlen McFarland Stephens upon the celebration of her 102nd birthday and wish her many more jubilant birthdays.

Adopted this 3rd day of June 2019.

DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

BOBBY HUDSON, CHAIRMAN

J. JANET BISHOP, CLERK TO COUNCIL