WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarah Payton was born in Eutawville, South Carolina, on August 17, 1913; and

WHEREAS, she married the Reverend L.R. Payton, and they settled in Orangeburg; and

WHEREAS, they have nine children, two of whom are now deceased, and twenty-three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as a former President of the Missionary Society, a Deaconess, and 1995 Woman of the Year, Mrs. Payton is a devoted member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church who contributes her long life to good-living and an abiding faith.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 17, 2003, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join me in wishing Mrs. Payton a happy 90th birthday.