Resolution

State of South Carolina)
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County of Sumter)

WHEREAS, God in His Great Power formed Miss Emma J. Wilson and placed her in the country of the United States, the State of South Carolina, County of Sumter, and the City of Mayesville, South Carolina,

WHEREAS, Miss Wilson was born and reared in Mayesville, South Carolina during an era of our country's history when it was not "appropriate" to teach little Black children how to read, write, or understand any form of educational enlightenment, and

WHEREAS, Miss Emma and her mother, Venice Wilson, who was a former slave, desired more for this little girl and Emma thirst so much for education that she sought ways to learn and then the six-year-old son of the master taught Emma daily as he learned his alphabets and his numbers; and

WHEREAS, Divine intervention from God opened up doors for Miss Wilson to go to school, to become empowered by education, to travel and learn about other cultures, to provide missionary work in foreign lands, and then to return home to do and even greater work by establishing the Mayesville Institute now known as the Mayesville Institute School.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Naomi D. Sanders, Chairwoman of Sumter County Council on behalf of the members of Sumter County Council do hereby proclaim,

"MISS EMMA J WILSON DAY"
in the
City Of Mayesville, and the County of Sumter, South Carolina

for the many hours that Miss Emma J. Wilson worked hard to ensure that all children would be given the opportunity to "learn" and "apply" their knowledge in a productive manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we the members of Sumter County Council, desire to place on record a testament of our appreciation, love, and esteem for Miss Emma J. Wilson in recognition of her "*as a gift from the Master*" because she has truly been a blessing to others.

Given under the seal of the County this 29th day of November, 2003.

SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

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ITS: Naomi D. Sanders, Chairwoman
Sumter County Council

ATTEST:

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ITS: Clerk to Council – Mary W. Blanding