

March 15, 2015

The Honorable Nicki Haley  
Governor of the State of South Carolina  
The State House  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

Mr. Wilbert W. Bolin will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 15, 2015. A life-long resident of Orangeburg County, special celebrations recognizing and honoring Mr. Bolin for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday will be conducted on Saturday, April 18 (birthday party) and Sunday, April 19 (special church services) at the Crestview Baptist Church in Orangeburg, SC.

I respectfully request that you consider acknowledging this special occasion for Mr. Bolin with a letter or other special documents available to you. Mr. Bolin has been, and continues to be an outstanding citizen of the city, county, and state of South Carolina. He is a devout Christian, highly regarded and respected by everyone and affectionately known as "Mr. B."

Should you be able to acknowledge Mr. Bolin upon this auspicious occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, you or a member of your staff are welcome to be present to make the presentation and comments at either occasion marking his birthday. If you are unable to be present, we will gladly have this acknowledgement presented to Mr. Bolin on your behalf.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this request. If I may be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth Buck".

Kenneth Buck

Enclosure

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

### WILBET W. BOLIN

Born April 15, 1915 in Orangeburg County.

The son of the late Michael and Annie Bolin, the 3d of 14 children.

Served in the Army Air Corps in World War II (the Greatest Generation) in England as an aircraft mechanic.

Married to the late Ora Mae Etheridge

Three (3) children: Kenneth O. Bolin, Betty B. Ulmer, and the late Nancy B. Buck.

One (1) granddaughter: Karen B.(Dave) McFarlane

A resident of the City of Orangeburg, SC (1216 Dantzler Avenue) for more than 65 years.

Retired from the flooring business.

Founding member of Crestview Baptist Church, serving as Deacon, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Director, Training Union Director, Royal Ambassador Leader, etc. Mr. Bolin still serves as a Deacon. Mr. Bolin is affectionately referred to as "Mr. B."

Mr. Bolin's hobbies consist of gardening, fishing and watching his beloved Atlanta Braves.

Mr. Bolin exercised daily at Health Plex well into his 90's.

Mr. Bolin attributes his longevity to his Faith in the Lord (and Ivory Soap).

A birthday celebration (party) honoring and celebrating Mr. Bolin's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday will be conducted at noon on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at Crestview Baptist Church, Columbia Road, Orangeburg, SC.

A special church service honoring and recognizing Mr. Bolin's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at Crestview Baptist Church, Columbia Road, Orangeburg, SC.

Point of contact for additional information is: Karen B. McFarlane, 1729 Indigo Island Drive, Hanahan, SC 29410 or by phone at (843) 412-4416



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