**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE DEWITT WILLIAMS FOR HIS LIFETIME OF DEDICATION AS A PUBLIC SERVANT, AND TO DESIGNATE SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2011, AS “DEWITT WILLIAMS DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church Men’s Department and the Sons of Allen Ministry will honor former state Senator Dewitt Williams at their First Annual Men’s Day Program on Sunday, June 26, 2011; and

Whereas, born in St. Stephen on October 12, 1919, he is the son of the late Gertrude and W. D. Williams; and

Whereas, in 1950, he earned a bachelor of science degree from Allen University and a master of arts degree from South Carolina State University in 1960; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of more than fifty years, the former Dollie Bradley, he reared two fine children, Devetta Williams Hughes and Winston Dewitt Williams, who have blessed them with five adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, from 1941 to 1945, Senator Williams served his country with distinction in the United States Army during some of its darkest hours; and

Whereas, he served as an educator in Berkeley County for over thirty years, both as a classroom teacher and as a principal, and from 1970 to 1979, he served on the St. Stephen Town Council; and

Whereas, Senator Williams served as mayor pro tem of St. Stephen from 1974 to 1979 and as the 9th District member of the South Carolina Highway Commission from 1972 to 1982; and

Whereas, from 1983 to 1996, he served in the South Carolina House of Representatives and then in the South Carolina Senate from 1996 to 1997; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church, he has served on the church’s board of stewards; and

Whereas, a portion of South Carolina Highway 45 in Berkeley County that begins at the western town limit of St. Stephen and ends at the Dewitt Williams Memorial Bridge is named “Dewitt Williams Boulevard” as a lasting tribute to this distinguished son of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the lasting legacy of public service that Senator Dewitt Williams has established and for his devotion to the citizens of our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Dewitt Williams for his lifetime of dedication as a public servant, and designate Sunday, June 26, 2011, as “Dewitt Williams Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Dewitt Williams

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