**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FRANK WASHINGTON, THE LONGEST‑SERVING DEACON AT HICKORY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, AND TO WISH HIM MANY MORE YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS LORD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Frank Washington will be surrounded by loving friends and family as he is honored for his long and faithful service as the longest-serving deacon of Hickory Hill Baptist Church on June 26, 2011; and

Whereas, born in Orangeburg County on September 20, 1918, Frank Washington was the fourth child of the late Mamie and Eddie Gethers and was later adopted by his mother’s sister and brother‑in‑law, Rebecca and Wade Washington; and

Whereas, reared in the Eadytown section of Pineville, he received guidance and religion from his parents in a loving, Christian home and was educated in the public schools of Berkeley County; and

Whereas, Frank Washington was baptized in Hickory Hill Baptist Church at a young age and has since served the church in many capacities: on the usher board, as assistant superintendent and superintendent of Sunday School, and as a deacon. He is currently recognized as not only the longest‑serving deacon, but also the oldest on the deacon board; and

Whereas, well‑remembered as a bus driver for excursions during the summer months to Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, he was employed during his work career as a logger, a farmer, and a plant worker; and

Whereas, he and his beloved wife, the former Etheline Prioleau, were married on February 3, 1946, and reared three loving children: Wilhelmenia Hall King, Truman T. Washington, and Verah G. Latham; and they have been blessed with twenty‑one adoring grandchildren, twenty‑six great‑grandchildren, and two great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life of service that Frank Washington has given to his church and celebrate his dedication and devotion. 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 honor Frank Washington, the longest‑serving deacon at Hickory Hill Baptist Church, and wish him many more years of service to his Lord.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Frank Washington.

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