**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SARAH JANE NANCE WATTS FOR SIXTY‑TWO YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE AS ORGANIST OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MYRTLE BEACH.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that First Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach will honor Sarah Jane Nance Watts for sixty‑two years of musical ministry at a dinner to be held at Compton Life Center on Sunday, January 13, 2013; and

Whereas, the daughter and seventh child of Daniel Wayne Nance and Mary Ellen Todd Nance, Sarah Jane Nance was born in Myrtle Beach on July 4, 1931. Her parents were founding members of First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach and original settlers of Myrtle Beach, instrumental in its early development; and

Whereas, her association with the First Baptist Church began at birth when she was enrolled in the Cradle Roll Class. She started volunteering at First Baptist Church in 1939 when she was eight years old, playing piano for the Sunday School Class, and she began playing piano in the sanctuary in 1947; and

Whereas, she married her beloved husband, Don Watts, on June 29, 1947, and graduated from Myrtle Beach High School the following year; and

Whereas, Sarah and Don Watts were blessed with six fine children: Duc Watts, David Watts, Bruce Watts, Ted Watts, Roxanne Watts Freeman; and Marianne Watts Glaze; and

Whereas, on December 30, 2012, Sarah Watts retired after faithfully serving as the organist at First Baptist Church for sixty‑two years; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the devoted service that Sarah Jane Nance Watts has provided the congregation of Myrtle Beach's First Baptist Church for sixty‑two years, and for the spiritual blessing her music has given to so many. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Sarah Jane Nance Watts for sixty‑two years of faithful service as organist of the First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sarah Jane Nance Watts.

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