**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE REVEREND WILLIE N. WARING OF MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH IN CAMERON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT MT. CARMEL AND TO WISH HIM GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to succor the souls of men; and

Whereas, the Reverend Willie N. Waring of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Cameron stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the Gospel, one much admired by colleagues, congregation, and area residents at large; and

Whereas, in preparation for his calling, Reverend Waring earned his bachelor’s degree at Baptist College of Charleston, having majored in psychology and minored in religion and criminal justice. Later, he enrolled in Cummins Theological Seminary, where he received his master of divinity; and

Whereas, prior to taking up his duties at Mt. Carmel, Reverend Waring served as assistant pastor of Lovely Hill Baptist Church in Holly Hill and pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Orangeburg; and

Whereas, he began his ministry at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church thirty years ago and over the years has proven himself a true leader of his flock and also of the wider body of Christ. His positions of leadership include serving as moderator of Orangeburg‑Calhoun Baptist Missionary and Educational Union, vice president of Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary Alumni Association, member of Cummins Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, and former moderator of both Orangeburg‑Calhoun Baptist Association and Orangeburg Orthodox Baptist Association; and

Whereas, as the Lord’s undershepherd at Mt. Carmel, Reverend Waring has seen five deacons ordained, Wednesday‑night prayer service and Bible study implemented, and a tape/CD ministry created. In addition, under his aegis the church has established a youth roundtable in conjunction with a program to reward church youth for academic success. The congregation also has enjoyed the benefit of a new sound system, organ, and piano; and

Whereas, Reverend Waring considers it one of the greatest triumphs of his life that he was able to persuade Mt. Carmel First Lady Betty L. Waring to become his wife. He finds strength for his myriad duties through her strong support; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, cognizant of his many years of spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina, wishes to express its grateful thanks to Reverend Waring and wish him God’s best as he continues to run the race the Lord has set before him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the Reverend Willie N. Waring of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Cameron on the occasion of his thirtieth anniversary of Gospel ministry at Mt. Carmel and wish him God’s richest blessings as he continues to serve the Lord.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Reverend Willie Waring.

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