**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND AND MRS. SAM THOMPSON OF YORK COUNTY FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES OF SELFLESS AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CLOVER COMMUNITY AND TO COMMEND THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK ON BEHALF OF THOSE IN NEED.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the devotion with which Reverend Sam Thompson and his wife, Annie Thompson, have served the Clover community for nearly twenty years; and

Whereas, in 1995, Reverend and Mrs. Thompson were spiritual pioneers in establishing the New Beginnings Baptist Church and ministering to hundreds with the hope of new beginnings through faith; and

Whereas, with concern for the physical needs of those in their community, the Thompsons also founded the Lighthouse Shelter in 1995 to house the homeless and feed the hungry; and

Whereas, they established God’s Kitchen in 1998 through which they feed the hungry and deliver meals to shut‑ins and groceries to families in need; and

Whereas, in 2004, Reverend and Mrs. Thompson launched The Lighthouse Thrift Store which has enabled them to distribute clothes and other necessities to those who need help; and

Whereas, they have devoted themselves to assisting those in need, serving them with a keen understanding of how to fill those needs with compassion and caring; and

Whereas, realizing the deep truth, “God setteth the solitary in families,” Reverend and Mrs. Thompson have sought to provide a safe home environment and sense of family for those less fortunate; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the consistent and generous charity of Reverend Sam and Annie Thompson as they have ministered through teaching, counseling, friendship, and sharing to so many in the Clover community. 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 Reverend and Mrs. Sam Thompson of York County for nearly two decades of selfless and dedicated service to the Clover community and commend their outstanding work on behalf of those in need.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Reverend and Mrs. Sam Thompson.

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