**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH IN HORRY COUNTY FOR ITS MEANINGFUL MINISTRY IN THE CONWAY COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF ITS CONGREGATION UPON THE CELEBRATION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Good Hope Baptist Church in Horry County will celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary in September 2014; and

Whereas, on the Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September 1864, Bugswamp Baptist Church was constituted by a group of Christians who recognized and responded to the need to provide a place of worship in their community, including the Reverend Zy Bullock, Elder D. N. Gore, and twenty‑one ancestors of the current members; and

Whereas, these dedicated Christians became charter members and faithful workers in the new Bugswamp Baptist Church, using a log structure on land owned by John Booth beside the Bugswamp Cemetery in Conway for their place of worship; and

Whereas, in January 1877, the church moved to its present location and began to be called Good Hope Baptist Church. The church occupied a new, small frame structure located on property presently owned by Good Hope Baptist Church; and

Whereas, according to church documents, the first frame building was torn down and replaced by another frame building in 1918. Sunday school classrooms were added to the building around 1934. In 1955, a brick‑veneer sanctuary was completed, and the old church building was lifted to become the upstairs of the educational building while the classrooms remained intact at the back of the building. Renovations of the sanctuary were made from 1959 to 1960, then in 1988, and again in 2005, and after many years of careful saving, the congregation was able to build the much needed educational space, as well as a larger fellowship hall. In its most recent major expansion, the church proudly dedicated a new facility called The Christian Life Center facility on October 7, 2007; and

Whereas, the many physical changes that have been made to the property required much hard work, sacrificial giving, and dedicated service, but the physical growth came as a by‑product of spiritual growth; and

Whereas, baptized believers in this community have joined together for a century and a half in order to bring people to the Lord Jesus Christ, to equip them for service, and to provide a place for them to serve. 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 Good Hope Baptist Church of Horry County for its meaningful ministry in the Conway community and congratulate the members of the congregation upon the celebration of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the church.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Reverend John Sullivan, pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church.

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