**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. JOSEPHINE BARNES ADAMS OF GREENWOOD ON HER MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO FAMILY, CHURCH, AND COMMUNITY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors individuals who freely give of their time and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, Mrs. Josephine Barnes Adams of Greenwood has contributed valuable service to the citizens of the Palmetto State and is thereby worthy of praise and congratulations; and

Whereas, born to the late David and Ella Mae Barnes of Saluda, the young Josephine was one of twelve children and attended the public schools of Saluda. After graduation from Riverside High School, she earned a degree in education from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina; and

Whereas, over the course of her career as an elementary teacher, she taught at schools in Hampton and Batesburg, returning ultimately to Saluda. There, she taught at Saluda Elementary School, from which she retired after a fruitful career in education of more than thirty years; and

Whereas, she joined the Poplar Branch Baptist Church in Saluda at a very early age, where she served as an usher and was church secretary for many years; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adams’s many avenues of ministry include serving as president of both the Saluda Rosenwald/Riverside High School Alumni Association and Barnes Reunion (South Carolina/North Carolina Chapter), and she is a member of the Saluda County Retired Teachers Association and the NAACP; and

Whereas, for twenty‑seven years the wife of the Reverend Raymond P. Adams, pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Josephine Adams is the blessed mother of four children, Warren, Victor, Montez, and Stacey; the proud grandmother of five; and the delighted great‑grandmother of four; and

Whereas, her labors for the benefit of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, where she is First Lady, have been manifold. There, she has served as president of the Deaconess Ministry, as well as of the Ministers’ Wives & Widows Alliance. Further, she is a past adult ladies’ Sunday School teacher, manager of the church’s monthly bulletin board, teacher and facilitator of the SYMS Ministry, and past teacher for the church’s after‑school tutorial program; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Mrs. Josephine Barnes Adams who use their talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Mrs. Josephine Barnes Adams of Greenwood on her many years of faithful service to family, church, and community and wish her much happiness and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mrs. Josephine Barnes Adams.

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