**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAYCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR ITS MINISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE PASTOR AND THE CONGREGATION UPON THE CHURCH’S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Cayce United Methodist Church is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary in 2013; and

Whereas, in 1913, Cayce Methodist Episcopal Church, South, grew out of a group meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Shumpert with four other charter members: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Oswald, Mr. J. W. Craps, and Mr. G. T. McDowell; and

Whereas, the old blacksmith shop housed the church’s first services, and later the small congregation met in a large room over a store in Cayce, which also served as a meeting place for Woodmen of the World; and

Whereas, the first sanctuary, located at the corner of Holland and Second Avenue, was completed in 1916, and by the mid‑1950s, the church was home to over five hundred members; and

Whereas, on January 8, 1956, a devastating fire destroyed the sanctuary, and the church subsequently moved to its current location at the corner of Naples Avenue and 12th Street in Cayce in April of 1957; and

Whereas, called and shaped by the ministry of Cayce United Methodist Church to serve Christ, members and friends of the church have served as civic and business leaders in the community and beyond while pastors and missionaries have come from its membership to serve Christ all over the world; and

Whereas, throughout its century of ministry, Cayce United Methodist Church has changed lives and transformed communities locally and in many places around the world; and

Whereas, over the years, the church and its members have made a difference in the world by caring for the vulnerable, feeding the hungry, repairing homes of those in need, and in general, shining the light of Christ to those in the darkness of need and despair; and

Whereas, an active partner with Davis Elementary, Cayce United Methodist Church offers weekend meals to over forty children through the backpack buddy program, and every summer church youth and adults offer home repair to those unable to afford it through Salkahatchie Summer Service; and

Whereas, members of Cayce United Methodist Church impact the community through service in such civic groups as the Chamber of Commerce and volunteering their time in places like Lexington Medical Center; and

Whereas, the members of the church hope that, through their witness, Christ will be proclaimed and the world around them will be made a better place for God’s glory; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate appreciates the mission that Cayce United Methodist Church has set for its future in maintaining the heritage of its past: changing lives and transforming communities for Jesus Christ. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Cayce United Methodist Church for its ministry in the community and congratulate the pastor and the congregation upon the church’s centennial anniversary.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Reverend Joseph James, Cayce United Methodist Church pastor.

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