**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FOUNTAIN INN WESLEYAN CHURCH OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CONGREGATION AND PASTOR FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MINISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Fountain Inn Wesleyan Church will celebrate the milestone of a century of faithfulness to God and ministry to the Fountain Inn community on April 24, 2016; and

Whereas, following a tent revival meeting near the Woodside Mill Village Community, the evangelist Reverend J. M. Hames organized the church in 1916; and

Whereas, as a part of the paternalistic services to its employees, the mill company provided a building to give the workers and residents of the mill village a place to worship; and

Whereas, in 1936 when Reverend Clyde T. Bryant was the pastor of Fountain Inn Wesleyan, the company of Woodside Cotton Mill deeded the building and property to the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and through mergers with several other denominations, the official name of the denomination eventually changed to The Wesleyan Church in 1968; and

Whereas, although the building has undergone numerous changes during its one hundred years, the church has maintained its mission to exalt Jesus Christ by evangelizing the lost, discipling believers, equipping the Church, and ministering to the community; and

Whereas, under the leadership of the twenty‑one pastors who have served throughout the church’s one hundred years, many people have come to know the Lord, a goal which the congregation hopes to maintain throughout its second century; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate celebrate the centennial anniversary of ministry and leadership that the congregants of Fountain Inn Wesleyan Church have brought to their community and for the faithful legacy of the congregation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Fountain Inn Wesleyan Church of Greenville County and congratulate the congregation and pastor for one hundred years of continuous ministry in the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Bob Broome, pastor of Fountain Inn Wesleyan Church.

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