**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE REVEREND RAYMOND ADAMS OF MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH IN GREENWOOD ON THE OCCASION OF HIS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT MT. MORIAH AND TO EXTEND HIM BEST WISHES FOR GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

Whereas, it is entirely appropriate to honor those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to succor the souls of men; and

Whereas, the Reverend Raymond Adams of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Greenwood stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the Gospel, one much admired by colleagues, congregations, and area residents at large; and

Whereas, a native of Saluda, Reverend Adams is a graduate of South Carolina State College in Orangeburg. He completed further studies at the University of South Carolina Aiken, Augusta College, Temple University, and the Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He also received a certificate in theology from the Interdenominational Theological Center and a certificate from the Billy Graham School of Evangelism; and

Whereas, Reverend Adams has been in the ministry for many years, having served as pastor for Pine Pleasant Baptist Church in Ninety Six and Monetta Baptist Church. This dedicated man of God and former teacher of nearly thirty years holds the respect of his fellow citizens and is a role model to the community, especially its young pastors; and

Whereas, under Reverend Adams’s leadership, Mt. Moriah Baptist continues to serve as a leading church in identifying and addressing the needs of marginalized people in the community and beyond. He has formed many ministries, including the Lighthouse Puppet Ministry; meals for seniors, the sick, and shut‑ins; the Mt. Moriah Male Chorus; Boy Scouts; a prison ministry; and after‑school tutoring; and

Whereas, Reverend Adams considers it one of the greatest triumphs of his life that he was able to persuade the lovely Josephine Adams to become his wife. They are the proud parents of four children, Stacey, Montez, Warren, and Victor; and

Whereas, because of his many years of spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina, the Reverend Raymond Adams is due grateful thanks and best wishes as he continues to run the race the Lord has set before him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the Reverend Raymond Adams of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Greenwood on the occasion of his thirtieth anniversary of Gospel ministry at Mt. Moriah and extend him best wishes for God’s richest blessings as he continues to serve the Lord.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Raymond Adams.

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