**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE PHYLLIS BELFLOWER OF FLORENCE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT RETIREMENT ON JANUARY 1, 2017, AS PIANIST FOR LAKE CITY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Whereas, since 1973, Lake City Baptist Church of Florence County has been blessed with the dedicated services of Phyllis Belflower; and

Whereas, Phyllis is a graduate of the Baptist College of Charleston, now known as Charleston Southern University. A dedicated Baptist, Phyllis has been a member of Lake City Baptist Church for almost forty‑four years. During this time, Phyllis has served the church in multiple roles. She became a teacher for the Baptist Training Union not long after joining the church and only ceased when the program ended; and

Whereas, Phyllis began working in the nursery, where she spent many years caring for babies while their parents worshipped. Her musical talents were soon discovered, and the church requested her services as pianist; and

Whereas, wishing to aid the church in whatever capacity possible, Phyllis, while acting as pianist, also helped lead the children’s sermons and the preschool choir. That musical ensemble being made up of an average of thirty preschoolers per week, Phyllis undertook a feat not for the faint of heart. Thereafter, she taught four‑year‑old kindergarten, where she was blessed with a classroom of thirty four‑year‑olds. A career as a first‑grade teacher equipped Phyllis well for these challenges; and

Whereas, her work as pianist concluded after thirty‑three years of committed service; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives, cognizant of her many years of devotion to the musical and spiritual nourishment of the people of Lake City, takes great pleasure in expressing thanks to Phyllis Belflower and in wishing her God’s best as she continues to follow the path the Lord has set before her. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and celebrate Phyllis Belflower of Florence County on the occasion of her recent retirement on January 1, 2017, as pianist for Lake City Baptist Church.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Phyllis Belflower.

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