**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE REVEREND JACKIE BOYD OF CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH IN TIMMONSVILLE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT CENTER BAPTIST AND TO EXTEND 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 nurture the souls of men; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jackie Boyd of Center Baptist Church in Timmonsville stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the Gospel, one much admired by colleagues, congregations, and area residents at large; and

Whereas, born to Reverend James and Mrs. Mary S. Boyd of Andrews, Jackie Boyd graduated from Blakely High School in Salters and attended Morris College School of Theology. He holds a degree in biblical studies from the Southern Baptist Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, and also has earned a certificate of hospital ministry from Tuomey Regional Medical Center in Sumter. He is currently serving as a certified chaplain with McLeod Hospital in Florence; and

Whereas, Pastor Boyd has been in the ministry for many years, having served as pastor for Hyco Baptist Church in Cassett; Friendship Baptist Church in Nichols; and Mt. Nebo, St. Peter, and High Hill Baptist churches in Sumter. In his present pastorate at Center Baptist Church, he has served for thirty years; and

Whereas, as minister of Center Baptist, Pastor Boyd has baptized more than two hundred eighty‑five new members. Under his leadership, the church established the Brotherhood, YWA, New Members classes, Senior Citizens Brunch, Fourth Sunday Youth Day Service, Birthday Rally, Praise and Worship Ministry, and Center Community Coalition 4‑H; and

Whereas, Jackie Boyd has served as president of the St. John Baptist Association Sunday School Convention, moderator of the St. John Baptist Association, and member of the executive board of the State E & M Convention. Currently, he serves as moderator of the New Hope Union and is a certified teacher of the School of Methods of the St. John Association Church School. He is a member of the National Baptist Convention of the USA, State Congress of Christian Education, State Brotherhood, and State E & M Convention; and

Whereas, Reverend Boyd considers it one of the greatest triumphs of his life that he was able to persuade the lovely Joyce Shannon Boyd to become his wife. They are the proud parents of two sons, the Reverend Daniel E. Boyd (Elisha) and Donald Boyd (Robin), who have given their mom and dad the joy of three delightful grandchildren, Danika, Donald, Jr., and Wesley; and

Whereas, to honor him at this very special time in his life, Reverend Boyd’s congregation will celebrate his thirty years as pastor of Center Baptist on Saturday, June 10, 2017; and

Whereas, grateful for Reverend Boyd’s three decades of spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina, the House takes great pleasure in extending 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 Jackie Boyd of Center Baptist Church in Timmonsville on the occasion of his thirtieth anniversary of Gospel ministry at Center Baptist and extend 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 Jackie Boyd.

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