**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND LEROY ROBERTSON, PASTOR OF SECOND DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH IN GREENWOOD, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR TWENTY YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Reverend Leroy Robertson has been the spiritual leader of Second Damascus Baptist Church in Greenwood for twenty years, a servant leader to God’s people who receive the benefit of his compassionate service to God and to them; and

Whereas, the son of the late Deacon Abraham Robertson and Mrs. Elise Robertson, Leroy Robertson attended public schools in Edgefield County and graduated from Strom Thurmond High School in 1977; and

Whereas, in preparation for ministry, he earned an associate’s degree in theology from the American Theological Seminary Baptist College Extension of Augusta, Georgia, and he continues to work toward a bachelor’s degree and a master of divinity; and

Whereas, Reverend Robertson was baptized at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Edgefield where he served faithfully in various capacities, and he was licensed to preach there in 1989. He was ordained for the Gospel ministry in 1991 by the Mount Canaan Baptist Association in Trenton; and

Whereas, before he began his ministry to the Second Damascus congregation, he served at Calvary Grove Baptist Church in Callison and Bell Grove Baptist Church in Aiken; and

Whereas, for more than twenty years he has been employed at the Avondale Textile Company in Graniteville, and together with his beloved wife, Dorothy Talbert Robertson, he reared a fine daughter, Tasha L. Robertson; and

Whereas, Reverend Robertson was elected pastor of Second Damascus in 1995, a church that was founded in the Phoenix Section Community in the mid 1800s in a brush arbor. The worshipers moved to the balcony of the white Damascus Baptist Church, and later in the 1800s, the congregation moved to land on which Second Damascus now stands when land for a building of their own church was donated; and

Whereas, under Reverend Robertson’s leadership, the physical building has been enhanced with stained‑glass windows, carpet, chandeliers, pew covers, a sound room, new bathrooms, a new well pump, a storage building, new office equipment, a handicap ramp, and water fountains. The spiritual structure has been reinforced, as well, with such resources as the Brotherhood Ministry, a ministry to tutor math, a tape ministry, Children’s Church Ministry, and Prison Ministry; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives celebrates with the congregation of Second Damascus as they honor Reverend Robertson at a special recognition on May 28, 2017, for two decades of faithful ministry, and the members wish him many years of continued service to God’s people. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Reverend Leroy Robertson, pastor of Second Damascus Baptist Church in Greenwood, and congratulate him for twenty years of faithful ministry in the church and the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Leroy Robertson.

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