**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND REVEREND DR. LARRY D. GOSS, SR., FOR HIS DEDICATION TO SPREADING THE WORD OF GOD AND SALVATION TO ALL WHOM HE MEETS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives find it altogether fitting and proper to pause in their deliberations to applaud the good works of Reverend Dr. Larry D. Goss, Sr.; and

Whereas, Reverend Goss is a native of Charleston, SC, and is the seventh child born to Horace and Catherina Goss. His spiritual walk began at his home church, Salem Baptist, where he served in the Sunday School, Baptist Training Union ministries, and as a church musician. In 1998, Reverend Goss united with Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church and continued his service to the Lord sharing his musical gifts with the Youth Anointed for Christ choir for five years; and

Whereas, on February 18, 2001, he accepted his calling from God and was licensed into the gospel ministry under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Dr. Augustus D. Robinson, Jr. In 2005, Reverend Goss received his ordination by the Charleston County Baptist Association. He served on Mt Moriah’s Ministerial staff in various capacities including assisting Pastor Emeritus Robinson in officiating duties, bible study instructor, and as Outreach Minister. In January 2013, Reverend Goss became senior pastor of Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, in March 2017, the Lord led Reverend Goss to plant and pastor a new Ministry called The Destiny Worship Center. The vision of this new ministry is “to reach the world locally and globally by bridging the multicultural gap through the biblical preaching and teaching of Jesus Christ.” The Destiny Worship Center is located in the Dorchester Terrace community. Reverend Goss believes that the witness for the Gospel will spread throughout the North Charleston area; and

Whereas, Reverend Goss is a graduate of Burke High School and a former member of the United States Naval Reserve. He is also a graduate of multiple post‑secondary institutions. These include Charleston Southern University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in Social Science; University of Georgia, where he earned a master’s degree in Humanities; and J.D. University, where he attained two doctorates in Religious Education and Pastoral Counseling. In August 2014, Reverend Goss was the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from St. Thomas University in Florida; and

Whereas, Pastor Goss is a presidential member in good standing of the American Association of Christian Counselors and currently serves on the Whitfield boards of Charleston Southern University’s religion department and the North Charleston and Vicinity Ministerial Alliance. He is a former pastoral representative with the city of North Charleston for the Mayoral Task Force to Abate Retaliatory Crimes and a former board member of CO Federal Credit Union and United Methodist Relief Center. He is a former mentor for Daniel Island Schools; and

Whereas, most recently, Reverend Goss led a successful effort to build the Mount Moriah Christian Academy in Lugazi, Africa, which was completed in December 2016; and

Whereas, Reverend Goss is married to the former Miss Sharon E. Anderson. They were married at Mt. Moriah in 2000. Mrs. Goss was serenaded by her awaiting groom, singing “On the Wings of Love” by Jeffrey Osborne. Mt. Moriah’s first family is blessed with three children, Kristian E. Goss, Kailin E. Goss, and Larry D. Goss, Jr., of which their parents are extremely proud; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives thank Reverend Goss for his commitment and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and commend Reverend Dr. Larry D. Goss, Sr. for his dedication to spreading the Word of God and salvation to all whom he meets.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Dr. Larry D. Goss, Sr.

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