**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. HANK WILLIAMS, PASTOR OF BOILING SPRINGS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FOR MORE THAN THIRTY‑FIVE YEARS OF CHALLENGING AND EXEMPLARY MINISTRY TO HIS CONGREGATION, HIS COMMUNITY, AND HIS GOD.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to commend outstanding citizens like Pastor Hank Williams who give selflessly of their time and talents in service to their fellow man and to their God; and

Whereas, born in Illinois in 1959, Hank Williams was saved as a young boy and felt called to preach at the age of nine; and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor’s degree in theology from Southern Wesleyan University in 1981 and married his beloved wife, Mary Ann, in 1982 while serving as the pastor of a growing church. Together they reared two fine sons; and

Whereas, in 1984, he answered God’s call on his life to enter into evangelistic ministry, a ministry with the two‑fold focus of reaching young people for Christ and reuniting families in Christ; and

Whereas, in their twenty years of travels, Pastor Williams held area‑wide Mass Harvest events across North America and around the world and led hundreds of ministry events in local churches, such as marriage retreats, Bible conferences, and revivals. While he led men’s retreats, Mrs. Williams often held women’s retreats; and

Whereas, he found time during these busy years to graduate from the Arrow Leadership Program in 1994, a pilot program directed by Leighton Ford Ministries, and to complete a master of divinity degree in 1997 and a doctor of ministry degree in 2003, both from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

Whereas, in September 2004, Pastor Williams accepted the call to serve as senior pastor of Boiling Springs First Baptist Church (BSFBC) in the Upstate of South Carolina; and

Whereas, under his leadership for the last thirteen years, BSFBC has experienced sustained growth in the personal lives of the members, as well as outreach in the community. Currently, he is overseeing the establishment of two new churches; and

Whereas, while the church membership has grown, Pastor Williams encourages members to embrace their duty to care for their neighbors through local mission projects, and they have not neglected mission work within the United States and abroad in Guatemala and India; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the faithful dedication of Hank Williams as pastor of BSFBC, and the members wish him many years of continued and meaningful ministry. 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 Dr. Hank Williams, Pastor of Boiling Springs First Baptist Church, for more than thirty‑five years of challenging and exemplary ministry to his congregation, his community, and his God.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Hank Williams.

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