**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF REVEREND DOUG B. TAYLOR OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Pastor Doug Taylor at the age of sixty‑five on Monday, April 23, 2018; and

Whereas, born in Lancaster on September 15, 1952, he was a son of Margaret Jo Arant Taylor and the late Hugh Leslie Taylor, Jr.; and

Whereas, Pastor Taylor graduated from Buford High School and earned a bachelor’s degree from Winthrop University; and

Whereas, he would recall with joy when he was born again and became a new man in Christ on January 13, 1980; and

Whereas, in 1985, Pastor Taylor accepted the call into the gospel ministry and devoted his life to sharing the gospel with all those he met; and

Whereas, a year later he accepted a call to his first pastorate in Jefferson at White Plains Baptist Church. Soon after and under the divine leading of the Lord, he founded Living Faith Baptist Church of Jefferson where he faithfully served for thirty‑one years before his death; and

Whereas, his ministry was not limited to the church but to the neighboring communities and anyone God brought in his path. His life’s passion was telling others of the grace of God and fulfilling Proverbs 11:30: “He that winneth souls is wise”; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of forty‑four years, Rhnae J. Taylor, he reared two fine sons, Brent Taylor of Chesterfield and Tim Taylor of Lancaster, and he was blessed with the affection of two adoring granddaughters, Anna Belle Taylor and Ava Brooke Taylor; and

Whereas, he especially sought to encourage young preachers to labor in the faith, and he desired to be remembered as a man who lived for the purpose of winning souls that were lost; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Pastor Taylor and for the example of true friendship and faith in God that he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Reverend Doug B. Taylor of Chesterfield County and extend their deepest sympathy to his loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Reverend Doug B. Taylor.

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