**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE PASTOR DONNELL PETERSON UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS INSTALLATION AS PASTOR OF CITY OF PRAISE CHURCH OF COLUMBIA AND TO WISH HIM ALL THE BEST IN LEADING HIS CONGREGATION.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Pastor Donnell Peterson will be installed as pastor of Columbia’s City of Praise Church on Saturday, April 8, 2017; and

Whereas, Pastor Donnell Peterson is a native of Sumter, South Carolina and a former resident of Atlanta, Georgia. He pursued pastoral management studies at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia and received intensive ministerial and leadership training at Mt. Calvary Holy Churches of America Inc. in Concord, North Carolina and New Covenant Christian Ministries in Atlanta, Georgia. He also pursued music education at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg and received formal training in music theory and vocal performance. He augmented these studies with scholarship in accounting, marketing, and theology; and

Whereas, Pastor Peterson accepted his call to ministry in December 1994 at Shady Oak Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina, and he has since ministered at numerous conferences, revivals, and worship services throughout the United States and the Caribbean. Pastor Peterson’s desire to proclaim the word of God has compelled him to meet the needs of the men and women that he serves with simplicity, humor, revelation, and profoundness; and

Whereas, Pastor Peterson has served as senior leader of City of Praise Church in Columbia, South Carolina; director of the Worship Arts Ministry and associate minister at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina; founder and CEO of Donnell Peterson Ministries, Inc.; senior pastor of Calvary Harvest Church in Charlotte, North Carolina; senior leader of Mt. Calvary Holy Church in Greensboro, North Carolina; founder and pastor of Grace Restoration Worship Center in Atlanta, Georgia; executive administrator for Explosion Ministries Fellowship Association of Churches; executive pastor at Bread of Life Christian Church; and Georgia state jurisdictional overseer of the Mount Calvary Holy Churches of America, Inc.; and

Whereas, Pastor Peterson is also an accomplished vocalist, music administrator, and music consultant who has served and performed in various capacities throughout his music career. He has founded four choirs and music organizations and has performed in concerts with and as background vocalist for many renowned artists; and

Whereas, Pastor Peterson is married to Audeiss Benet Peterson. God has blessed them with three children, Whitney, Kyle, and Kelsey, and two grandchildren, Cadence and Knowledge; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate takes great pride in honoring this man of God for his continuing service to the people of this great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Pastor Donnell Peterson upon the occasion of his installation as pastor of City of Praise Church of Columbia and wish him all the best in leading his congregation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor Donnell Peterson.

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