**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE WINNSBORO FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR THREE QUARTERS OF A CENTURY’S SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, having been organized in 1935, Winnsboro First Church of the Nazarene marked its seventy‑fifth anniversary in March 2010; and

Whereas, three quarters of a century ago, under the leadership of the Reverend E.N. Gunter, the church obtained a lease for a lot on Ninth Street at one dollar per week for five years; and

Whereas, with four charter members on its roll, the church set out on a course of constant and rapid growth and in 1950 built a church school building. After thirty‑nine years of service to the congregation, Reverend Gunter took his well‑earned retirement, and the Reverend James F. Spruill became pastor; and

Whereas, during Reverend Spruill’s tenure as pastor, the church purchased a lot for a parsonage, built a family life center and gymnasium, and opened the Nazarene Community Day Care, which served the community for nineteen years; and

Whereas, under succeeding pastors, Winnsboro First Church of the Nazarene continued to enjoy numerous improvements to its facilities, such as additions to its sanctuary and other buildings, renovations to its chapel, and the paving of its parking lot. In 1989, a beautiful thirty‑foot steeple was added to the sanctuary, and an excellent sound system was donated a year later; and

Whereas, the years following brought yet more growth to the church, so much so that the congregation voted to build a new sanctuary to accommodate its increasing numbers. Amazed at what the Lord has done in prospering their ministry, the present congregation is swift to give God all the glory for the great things He has done, both in them and through them; and

Whereas, to mark its seventy‑fifth anniversary, the church will hold a special service on Sunday, May 2, 2010, with a celebratory lunch following; and

Whereas, Winnsboro First Church of the Nazarene has been a beacon of light and a community worship center in Winnsboro for seventy‑five years, and, God willing, will continue its godly heritage in many more years of worship and service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate Winnsboro First Church of the Nazarene on the occasion of its seventy‑fifth anniversary, and commend the church for three quarters of a century’s service to the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Winnsboro First Church of the Nazarene.

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