**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE GLENN‑MCCONNELL‑BOYD FAMILY REUNION AND TO CONGRATULATE THE FAMILY MEMBERS UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SEVENTEENTH BIENNIAL REUNION OVER THE PAST THIRTY‑FOUR YEARS.

Whereas, in a time when mobility and displacement from family roots make those relationships more difficult to sustain, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in commending the efforts of the Glenn‑McConnell‑Boyd Family Reunion to maintain family identity and fellowship; and

Whereas, Sina McConnell, the matriarch of this family, had one son and one daughter while she was a slave in South Carolina. After her emancipation, she married Mansfield Boyd; her daughter married John Benjamin Glenn, and from these women their family lineage is traced; and

Whereas, in 1975, Reverend Casper I. Glenn and Mary Jane Mitchell Willingham labored to bring the first reunion to reality, and it was held at Shiloh First Presbyterian Church in Winnsboro, the family’s church home; and

Whereas, other churches important to the family’s legacy in Fairfield County included New Hope African Methodist Episcopal Church in Winnsboro and White Hall African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jenkinsville; and

Whereas, over the last thirty‑four years reunions have been held across the country, including Detroit, Michigan; Los Angeles and San Francisco, California; and Richmond, Virginia, for almost five hundred family members scattered in twenty‑five states; and

Whereas, the biennial reunion is to be held this year in Columbia from July 16 to 19, and over one hundred fifty family members are expected to be in attendance; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives wish to express their appreciation to the Glenn‑McConnell‑Boyd family members for their example of family unity, and they hope to hear of these gatherings for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize the Glenn‑McConnell‑Boyd Family Reunion and congratulate the family members upon the occasion of their seventeenth biennial reunion over the past thirty‑four years.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Frances M. James, reunion secretary.

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