**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE REVEREND ISAAC J. HOLT, JR., PASTOR OF ROYAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN NORTH CHARLESTON, FOR HIS SIXTEEN YEARS OF MINISTRY AT ROYAL MISSIONARY AND TO WISH HIM GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to succor the souls of men; and

Whereas, the Reverend Isaac J. Holt, Jr., pastor of Royal Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston, stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the Gospel and servant to his community, one much admired by colleagues, congregation, and area residents at large; and

Whereas, a native of Alabama, Pastor Holt initially came to the Charleston area as a member of the United States Navy serving at Charleston’s former naval base. Previously, while on active duty in Washington, D.C., he had been licensed to preach the Gospel at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia; and

Whereas, having arrived in Charleston, Isaac J. Holt began service as an associate minister with Morris Street Missionary Baptist Church, where he was ordained in 1992; and

Whereas, in preparation for ministry, he graduated from the Morris College School of Religious Studies in Sumter, South Carolina and also earned a bachelor of science at Morris College, finishing his undergraduate work cum laude. Later, he attended Alabama A&M University and has since completed additional studies; and

Whereas, believing a man should serve God beyond the walls of the church, Pastor Holt gives of his time and expertise to various community, law enforcement, and nonprofit advisory boards in the Charleston area. Among these organizations, Pastor Holt serves as faith‑community chair for the United Negro College Fund and as Executive Board Chair for the Charleston County Baptist Association; and

Whereas, Pastor Holt has a passion for preaching and has inspired thousands with his powerful sermons from local, state, and national pulpits and through his weekly preaching on the local Charleston radio station Heaven, 1390 AM; and

Whereas, since 1993, when Pastor Holt was called by the congregation of Royal Missionary Baptist Church to serve as its pastor, the congregation has experienced both physical and spiritual growth. Under his dynamic and progressive leadership, membership has grown from fewer than two hundred to approximately two thousand, and the church has added well over twenty‑six new ministries. In addition, he led the church in the planning and construction of a new worship complex and had the further joy of overseeing the mortgage‑burning ceremony four years after completion of the project; and

Whereas, although he devotes much time to his work for church and community, Isaac J. Holt also finds time to spend with his family, including his beloved wife, Jannie, and their son, Isaac III; and

Whereas, noted as a humble, courageous man of Christian character, one of whom it truly may be said, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” Pastor Holt has demonstrated to others how to be “steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” As both a spiritual and civic leader, he will be honored at a series of events to be held in celebration of his sixteenth anniversary as pastor of Royal Missionary Baptist Church from April 29 through May 3, 2009. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the Reverend Isaac J. Holt, Jr., pastor of Royal Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston, for his sixteen years of ministry at Royal Missionary and wish him God’s richest blessings as he continues to serve the Lord.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Isaac J. Holt, Jr.

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