**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE PASTOR AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THEIR NEW CHURCH BUILDING.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the congregation of St. Paul Baptist Church moved into a new sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010; and

Whereas, after an official ribbon‑cutting ceremony and dedicatory service on April 3, the congregation took possession of the new facility on Rowesville Road and relinquished their former site on Windsor Road; and

Whereas, the church building, octagonal in shape, has a brick and stucco exterior with a traditional steeple‑shaped design; and

Whereas, since the new house of worship holds seven hundred people, Reverend Charcey Priester, Sr., anticipates that the church will have a greater outreach in the community and that more souls will be saved; and

Whereas, the choir section seats seventy members who can lead the congregation in lifting their hearts in praise to God, and the beautiful new baptism pool welcomes new members who want to grow with the congregation; and

Whereas, with the first phase of the construction completed, the congregation plans to begin the second phase in two years to include a family‑life center, a school, a senior‑housing complex and a cemetery; and

Whereas, this congregation, renewed with the hope of blessing, can say with the Psalmist, “I was glad when they said unto me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord’”; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the spiritual contributions that the members of St. Paul Baptist Church have made to their community and to our great State and wish for them God’s manifold blessings in this new sanctuary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor St. Paul Baptist Church of Orangeburg County, and congratulate the pastor and congregation for the completion of their new church building.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Reverend Charcey Priester, Sr.

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