**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE KINGS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF CENTRAL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY, AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, having been founded in 1910, Kings Grove Baptist Church of Central will celebrate its historic one hundredth anniversary in 2010; and

Whereas, a century ago, Kings Grove Baptist Church was organized with sixteen charter members in the same small community of Central where it now ministers; and

Whereas, the original sanctuary was built on land that would soon be owned by the government to practice bombing from planes in preparation for World War II. The building was relocated by horse and wagon in 1938 and is still used for such events as education and children’s programs; and

Whereas, in 2001, the church welcomed the completion of its new worship center and is now in the midst of another building program, this time for a family‑life center; and

Whereas, with a current membership of two hundred fifty, Kings Grove serves the community through various children’s and youth programs, outreach programs like Brotherhood Missions and WMU Missions, prayer meetings, and strong Christian education and discipleship training; and

Whereas, still a country church at heart, Kings Grove is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and supports the Convention’s Cooperative Program, which oversees the organization’s missionaries and their work; and

Whereas, for its centennial month of September, this historic church will be observing several special commemorative events, perhaps the most highly anticipated of which is its Centennial Celebration Sunday, to be held on September 26th during the regular morning worship service. All those present will join together to praise Almighty God for His gift to the church of a century of fruitful ministry in His name; and

Whereas, standing on the faith and strength of its early pastors and members, Kings Grove Baptist Church’s present congregation “presses toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14), continuing to preach and teach the Word of God; and

Whereas, Kings Grove Baptist Church has been a beacon of light and a community worship center in the Central and Six Mile areas for one hundred years, and, God willing, will continue its godly heritage in many more years of worship and service. 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 congratulate Kings Grove Baptist Church of Central on the occasion of its historic one hundredth anniversary, and commend the church for a century of service to God and the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the congregation of Kings Grove Baptist Church.

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