**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GOODMAN CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY, AND TO WISH THEM MANY MORE YEARS OF MEANINGFUL SERVICE IN THE SPIRITUAL FORMATION OF THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Goodman Creek Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the milestone of one hundred twenty years of ministry to the Four Mile Branch Community of Cheraw on August 1, 2010; and

Whereas, purchasing land for three dollars on January 24, 1890, Charity and Thomas Funderburk established Good Man Creek Missionary Baptist Church to provide a place for their family, extended family, and community to worship; and

Whereas, the original congregation consisted of twenty‑eight families whose first pastor was Reverend B. F. McManus, and for over a century the church has been a catalyst of Christian education in the Cheraw community and Chesterfield County; and

Whereas, over the years the name was changed to Goodman Creek Missionary Baptist Church, but the church has continued its focus, producing many clergymen, businessmen and women, educators, and community leaders; and

Whereas, with several families who trace their roots in the community back to the middle and early 1800s, the church has grown to include new families as well as those descendants of the founding families; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the significant role that Goodman Creek Missionary Baptist Church has played in the spiritual development of Chesterfield County and beyond by producing God‑fearing parishioners who continue to exhibit the love of Christ and to minister in His name. 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 Goodman Creek Missionary Baptist Church of Chesterfield County, upon the occasion of its one hundred twentieth anniversary, and wish them many more years of meaningful service in the spiritual formation of the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Christopher Scott, M. Div., pastor of Goodman Creek Missionary Baptist Church.

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