**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE VICTORY TABERNACLE DELIVERANCE TEMPLE OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS TWENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR A QUARTER CENTURY OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, since its inception in the summer of 1984, Victory Tabernacle has been a ministry founded on Christ and built in love. Proving that great things can come from humble beginnings, Victory started as a Bible study class that Pastor Michael Butler held first in his living room and later in the lobby of Jenkins Funeral Home; and

Whereas, from that small but dedicated gathering of what were then South Carolina State College and Claflin College students, Victory grew to official status as a church in 1985 and has since enjoyed a slow but steady increase to a membership of over three hundred; and

Whereas, currently located at 681 Broughton Street in Orangeburg, the church has just completed renovations to its present edifice, and its ministry recently has been restructured to accommodate the increasing needs of a growing church and community; and

Whereas, Victory became an affiliate ministry of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., in October 1996. Since that time, Pastor Butler has been named district elder and suffragan bishop. He is the chairman of the South Carolina State Council (SCSC) and regional director for region six of the SCSC, serving six churches; and

Whereas, the church now has a comprehensive ministerial staff, an encompassing network of auxiliaries, and a dedicated outreach ministry. At the forefront of the outreach branch of the ministry is the MCB Community Development Center and an extensive health ministry; and

Whereas, standing on the faith and strength of its early members, Victory Tabernacle Deliverance Temple’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, Victory Tabernacle Deliverance Temple has been a beacon of light and a community worship center in the Orangeburg area for twenty‑five years, and, God willing, will continue its 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 Victory Tabernacle Deliverance Temple of Orangeburg County on the occasion of its twenty‑fifth anniversary, and commend the church for a quarter century of service to God and the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the congregation of Victory Tabernacle Deliverance Temple.

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