**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PASTOR LUCIUS R. SMITH FOR TWENTY‑FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH OF SWANSEA, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR A QUARTER CENTURY OF MINISTRY TO GOD’S PEOPLE.

Whereas, the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that Pastor Lucius R. Smith will celebrate twenty‑five years of faithful ministry to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church at a celebration held in his honor on June 24, 2012; and

Whereas, after graduating from Monroe Pinckney High School, he served with distinction for two years in the United States Army and is a veteran of the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, he attended Benedict College Extension Program under Dr. Maxie Gordon; and

Whereas, a retired bus driver from Greyhound Bus Lines, Pastor Smith was called by God in 1981 as an anointed pastor, mentor, and teacher, and on June 10, 1982, he was ordained by the Mt. Hebron Progressive Baptist Association; and

Whereas, from 1982 through March 1987, he served as the pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in West Columbia; and

Whereas, in April 1987, he was called to serve his home church, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Swansea, and on June 24, 2012, he will be celebrating twenty‑five years of faithful service there; and

Whereas, on January 29, 2012, Pastor Smith was installed as the moderator of the local Mt. Hebron Progressive Baptist Association; and

Whereas, under his leadership, a new sanctuary with a capacity to seat five hundred worshipers was dedicated on May 28, 2006, and includes ample Sunday school classes and a room designated for trustees, communion, and ushers; and

Whereas, he has shown his support for his community by instituting the Community Tent Revival, Chosen Generation Summer Camp, and an after‑school program, and he initiated the USDA Food, Fuel and Gas program and the Family Festival and Parade; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Sandra Pinckney Smith, he has reared five fine children, Minister Roderick; Minister Zachary; Cindy, married to Minister Eric; Lucina; and Marlon, married to Bianca, and they have blessed their parents with eleven adoring grandchildren and one great‑grandchild; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina are grateful for the years of faithful service that Pastor Lucius R. Smith has given to the Church and people of God, and wish him lasting success and blessing as he continues to lead Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Pastor Lucius R. Smith for twenty‑five years of dedicated service to Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Swansea, and congratulate him for a quarter century of ministry to God’s people.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Pastor Lucius R. Smith.

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