**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE REVEREND LAWRENCE FOY HAYS, JR., OF LEXINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM A DISTINGUISHED PASTORAL MINISTRY OF THIRTY‑SEVEN YEARS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND BLESSINGS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the Senate considers it is wholly appropriate to pause its deliberations to congratulate and honor the Reverend Lawrence Foy Hays, Jr., of Lexington County on the occasion of his retirement from a distinguished ministry of thirty‑seven years; and

Whereas, a native of Ozark, Alabama, Larry earned a bachelor of arts degree from Huntingdon University in Montgomery, Alabama, with thoughts of teaching physical education. In responding to the call to Christian ministry, he attended Duke Divinity School, where he earned a master of divinity degree and became a dedicated fan of Blue Devils athletics; and

Whereas, Reverend Hays has held numerous United Methodist Church appointments throughout South Carolina, most recently as pastor at Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church in West Columbia, where he has served since 2008. On June 24, 2012, he will conduct his last service as pastor of Mt. Hebron and begin a richly‑deserved retirement; and

Whereas, Larry and his beloved wife, Sally, are the proud parents of two cherished daughters, Sarah Plunkett and Lauren Haigler, and have been blessed with two grandchildren. Although he will continue to mentor young pastors following his retirement, Larry looks forward to spending more time with his family and enjoying golf, Duke athletics, and playing bluegrass music; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the years of outstanding ministry that Larry Hays has provided throughout the State, mindful of the lives he has touched and made better along the way, and wish him many years of enjoyment in his richly‑deserved retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, congratulate and honor the Reverend Lawrence Foy Hays, Jr., of Lexington County on the occasion of his retirement from a distinguished pastoral ministry of thirty‑seven years in South Carolina, and wish him continued success and blessings in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Reverend Lawrence Foy Hays, Jr.

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