**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND LAWRENCE E. GORDON AND THE MEMBERS OF GREATER MACEDONIA AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF CHARLESTON COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM, UPON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that Greater Macedonia Methodist Episcopal Church will celebrate the milestone of its centennial anniversary during a week of special services and a church banquet to be held from February 21 through February 27, 2011; and

Whereas, in 1910, Reverend Simon Bonneau had a vision for a church that would minister to the needs of people living in what was known as the Borough in downtown Charleston, and with the assistance of other faithful members, Greater Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church was born; and

Whereas, the church, located on the corner of Vernon and Inspection Streets, was built in 1911 and was later moved to its current location on Alexander Street; and

Whereas, sponsored by the church’s Simon Bonneau Club, the anniversary celebration will include four evenings of revival services around the theme, “Keeping Macedonia 100 Years and Still Standing on the Rock,” with different guest preachers each evening from February 21 to February 24; and

Whereas, the 100th Anniversary Church Banquet will be held at the Alfred Williams Center on Durant Avenue in North Charleston; and

Whereas, culminating the week‑long anniversary activities, former pastor, the Honorable Reverend William A. Alston, will preach the Sunday morning worship service on February 27, 2011; and

Whereas, all the members will be wearing black and gold t‑shirts on this special occasion to symbolize their love for God and for their church and to show a spirit of unity that will keep them together in the years to come; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the century of ministry that the members of Greater Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church have given to the community and wish them continued usefulness and blessing in the century to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Reverend Lawrence E. Gordon and the members of Greater Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleston County, and congratulate them, upon the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the church and its ministry in the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Lawrence E. Gordon, pastor of Greater Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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