**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH OF KERSHAW COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CONGREGATION AND THEIR PASTOR, REVEREND RANDY GROVE, UPON THE CELEBRATIONS OF THEIR ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY, THEIR ANNUAL HOMECOMING, AND THE RETIREMENT OF THEIR MORTGAGE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is happy to learn that Pleasant Valley Baptist Church will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary on March 13, 2011; and

Whereas, although much of the church’s history has not been recorded, it was established in the early 1900s south of Highway 521 near Phillip Town, and the earliest record of a pastor is Reverend Blackmon who served the church in 1941; and

Whereas, some of the pastors of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church from 1942 to 1960 included Reverend S. S. Stinson, Reverend Brady, Reverend Phillips, and Reverend King; and

Whereas, beginning in 1960, Reverend P. W. Miller served as the pastor for twenty‑three years and numerous deacons were ordained and served the congregation with him during those years; and

Whereas, upon his death, Reverend D. P. Miller from Charlotte, North Carolina, served as pastor until his health failed, and Reverend Marvin O’Neil Hughes became the pastor in 1985; and

Whereas, he and his wife worked diligently with the youth of the church for the five years he served as pastor, and the Sunbeam Choir was organized during that time; and

Whereas, in 1991, Reverend Cleatis Jones was elected pastor, and under his leadership, four deacons were ordained, and the men’s choir was organized; and in addition, the church was remodeled in 1996, including the addition of a new fellowship hall, a kitchen, Sunday school rooms, and offices; and

Whereas, Reverend Daren Robinson became the pastor in 1998, and he ordained one deacon, licensed two preachers, and organized singles’ and couples’ ministries and Seniors’ Fellowship Day; and

Whereas, Reverend Randy Grove served as interim pastor in 2002, was installed as pastor in 2003, and will celebrate eight years of ministry to Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in April 2011; and

Whereas, during those eight years, four members have accepted the call the preach the Gospel, four deacons have been ordained, and two trustees have been appointed; and

Whereas, Reverend Grove’s care for the stewardship of the material welfare of the church is equal to his concern for the spiritual needs of his flock, and during his ministry the church parking lot was paved, a new van was purchased, and the church mortgage was paid in full, a significant accomplishment; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the century‑long work and ministry of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church and wish them a joyous centennial celebration. 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 commend Pleasant Valley Baptist Church of Kershaw County, and congratulate the congregation and their pastor, Reverend Randy Grove, upon the celebrations of their one hundredth anniversary, their annual homecoming, and the retirement of their mortgage.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

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