**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SUPERINTENDENT JOHNNY PRIOLEAU, SR., UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HIM MANY MORE YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that Pastor Johnny Prioleau will be honored on his sixtieth birthday by Believers Temple Church of God in Christ of St. Stephen at a formal banquet to be held in Santee on Saturday, June 18, 2011; and

Whereas, born in Pineville on June 18, 1951, Johnny Prioleau graduated from Russellville High School in 1969 and studied theology at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, J. W. Wilson Memorial Bible Institute, and Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta; and

Whereas, he accepted the call to preach in 1976 and was ordained in 1978 by Bishop H. Jenkins Bell, and after much prayer and fasting, he was appointed as the founding pastor of Believers Temple Church of God in Christ a year later; and

Whereas, as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, choir and quartet member, elder, and pastor, he has served Believers Temple Church of God in Christ; and

Whereas, the former chairman of the St. Stephen and Upper Berkeley Association and Timberlake Crusade, he currently serves the Church of God in Christ as superintendent of the Eastern District, as chairman of the Ordination Board and of the Pulpit Committee of the South Carolina Jurisdiction, and on the national level as adjutant; and

Whereas, Pastor Williams has sung with two quartets, The Soul Seekers and The Spiritual Wings, and he organized the Believers of Christ Community Choir; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of forty‑one years, he has reared four fine children: Johnny, Jr.; Donna; Stephen; and Shantelle; and they have blessed their parents with eight adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the legacy of faith that Superintendent Johnny Prioleau, Sr., has established and wish him a joyous sixtieth birthday celebration. 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 Superintendent Johnny Prioleau, Sr., upon the occasion of his sixtieth birthday, and wish him many more years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Superintendent Johnny Prioleau, Sr., pastor of Believers Temple Church of God in Christ in St. Stephen.

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