**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR BISHOP JOE L. ROBINSON, PRESIDING PRELATE OF THE APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY CHURCHES INC., FOR HIS THIRTY‑FIVE YEARS OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AS PASTOR OF APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY CHURCH OF LYDIA, AND TO WISH HIM GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to nurture the souls of men; and

Whereas, Bishop Joe L. Robinson, presiding prelate of the Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly Churches Inc. and pastor of Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly Church of Lydia, stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the Gospel, one much admired by colleagues, congregation, and area residents at large; and

Whereas, on July 21, 1948, Joe L. Robinson was born the son of Elijah Robinson, Sr., and Louisa Bacote Robinson. At the age of seventeen, young Joe was called of God into the Gospel ministry, and he obediently answered that call; and

Whereas, in February 1977, Elder Joe L. Robinson was appointed pastor of Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly Church of Lydia, a position he has filled from that year unto the present with faithfulness and distinction as he has labored to preach the Word under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and

Whereas, in the providence of God, Joe L. Robinson was ordained and named presiding bishop and prelate over the Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly Churches Inc. in 1982. Beginning with only two churches, the organization has expanded under the leadership of Bishop Robinson to include seven churches spread over five states; and

Whereas, noted as a humble, courageous man of Christian character, one of whom it truly may be said, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” Bishop Robinson has demonstrated to others how to be “steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord”; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, cognizant of his many years of spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina, wishes to express its grateful thanks to Bishop Robinson and wishes him God’s best as he continues to run the race the Lord has set before him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Bishop Joe L. Robinson, presiding prelate of the Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly Churches Inc., for his thirty‑five years of Gospel ministry as pastor of Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly Church of Lydia, and wish him God’s richest blessings as he continues to serve the Lord.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Bishop Joe L. Robinson.

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