**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE REVEREND DR. STEPHEN SAMUEL LOMAX, SENIOR PASTOR OF NEW LIFE IN CHRIST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN FOUNTAIN INN, FOR HIS THIRTY‑FIVE YEARS OF GOSPEL MINISTRY 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, the Reverend Dr. Stephen Samuel Lomax, senior pastor of New Life in Christ Missionary Baptist Church in Fountain Inn, stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the Gospel, one much admired by clerical colleagues, laymen, and the surrounding community alike; and

Whereas, the youngest of nine children, the Reverend Dr. Stephen Samuel Lomax was born the son of Luther and Ola Mae Henderson Lomax of Greenville; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, Dr. Lomax graduated from North Greenville College, the University of South Carolina, and Erskine College and Seminary, having earned associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees from these institutions; and

Whereas, he played in soul bands around the country before being saved by Christ Jesus in 1976 at the Old Pilgrim Baptist Church. He left the soul‑music arena to enter the Gospel ministry; and

Whereas, for the past thirty‑five years, he has pastored many churches in South Carolina. In 2005, Dr. Lomax organized the New Life in Christ Missionary Baptist Church in Fountain Inn and became its senior pastor, a position from which he ministers to his congregation and community to this day; and

Whereas, this scholarly pastor has written four books for the edification of his congregation and the wider family of God, *Did the Devil Make Me Do it?*; *What You Don*’*t Know Can Not Only Hurt You, But Destroy You*; *It*’*s All in Your Mind*; and *Just Wait Till Your Daddy Gets Home*, set for release in August 2012; and

Whereas, because he believes strongly in active community involvement, Dr. Lomax served on the Greenville Detention Review Board and the South Carolina Juvenile Probation and Parole Board for several years. Presently, he serves on the South Carolina Medical Disciplinary Board; and

Whereas, Stephen Samuel Lomax considers it one of the greatest triumphs of his life that he was able to persuade the former Frances Delores Shaw to become his wife. They are the proud parents of four children, Africa, Kenya, Stephanie, and Jerrell, who have given their parents the joy of three delightful grandchildren; 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,” Dr. Lomax has demonstrated to others how to be “steadfast, unmovable, 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, expresses its grateful thanks to Dr. Lomax 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 the Reverend Dr. Stephen Samuel Lomax, senior pastor of New Life in Christ Missionary Baptist Church in Fountain Inn, for his thirty‑five years of Gospel ministry 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 the Reverend Dr. Stephen Samuel Lomax.

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