**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOE R. WREN UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AFTER FORTY‑SIX YEARS OF DEVOTED PASTORAL MINISTRY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND BLESSING IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Dr. Joe R. Wren for his significant contributions to the Church and people of God; and

Whereas, born on April 12, 1944, he earned a bachelor of arts from Winthrop University, and completed a master of divinity degree and a doctor of ministry degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

Whereas, for forty‑six years he has pastored churches in North Carolina, Tennessee, and South Carolina; and

Whereas, for over twenty‑one years, Dr. Wren has been the pastor of Summerville Baptist Church, and on June 3, 2012, he will begin a well‑deserved retirement; and

Whereas, he has served his denomination as a member of the Committee on Committees of the Southern Baptist Convention, and he served on the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and on various committees of the South Carolina Baptist Convention; and

Whereas, he has been a member and president of the board of trustees of Charleston Southern University, and he has served in various capacities of local Baptist associations throughout his years of ministry; and

Whereas, with concern for his community, he has been a member of the Lions Club, Rotary, and Kiwanis; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Kaye, he reared three fine children, Beth, Joseph, and Clary, who have blessed them with five adoring grandchildren, with whom he plans to spend many happy hours in his retirement; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of outstanding ministry that Dr. Joe R. Wren has dedicated to Summerville Baptist Church and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. 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 Dr. Joe R. Wren upon the occasion of his retirement, after forty‑six years of devoted pastoral ministry, and wish him continued success and blessing in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Joe R. Wren.

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