**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE MEMBERS AND PASTORS OF KENNERLY ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY, FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT MINISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY, AND TO WISH THEM MANY MORE YEARS OF SPIRITUAL PROSPERITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that Kennerly Road Baptist Church will celebrate its twentieth anniversary in October 2011; and

Whereas, on September 19, 1991, the Articles of Incorporation for Tri‑City Baptist Church of Columbia, signed by Dr. Drew Conley, James G. “Buddy” Smith, and Michael Bennett, were filed with the South Carolina Secretary of State; and

Whereas, with the help of Gospel Fellowship Association, the church met for its first services with seventeen congregants at Irmo Middle School’s Campus I on October 13, 1991; and

Whereas, less than two years later, the church had an average attendance of fifty and moved to the newly remodeled paint store on Broad River Road on January 31, 1993; and

Whereas, on July 23, 1995, the members voted unanimously to purchase twenty acres of land on Kennerly Road and incorporated the church as “Kennerly Road Baptist” on April 25, 1997; and

Whereas, when the church held its first services in the sanctuary at the new Kennerly Road location on November 8, 1998, the attendance had multiplied nearly tenfold from the original meeting held only seven years previously; and

Whereas, after Kennerly Road Pastor Conley answered a call to Hampton Park Baptist Church in Greenville in 2000, Pastor Gary Ledbetter answered the call to shepherd the Kennerly Road congregation in 2001; and

Whereas, in 2006, Pastor Stephen Johns accepted a call to serve as assistant pastor; that year an office and classroom building was completed, and the four‑classroom building followed in 2008; and

Whereas, attendance today averages about two hundred, and the buildings and property are available for use by neighboring subdivisions and the northwest family YMCA; and

Whereas, church members are actively involved in the community in ministries that include local nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and prisons; and

Whereas, the church maintains a presence in the community through active involvement in the Irmo Okra Strut and by offering vacation Bible schools each summer and various children and teen ministries throughout the year; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is grateful for the Word‑centered ministry of Kennerly Road Baptist Church and looks forward to the church’s continued faithfulness to God’s written Word as its standard for all of life. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and commend the members and pastors of Kennerly Road Baptist Church, upon the occasion of their twentieth anniversary, for their significant ministry in the community, and wish them many more years of spiritual prosperity.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Gary Ledbetter.

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