**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND DEACON DAVID PHILLIPS OF ORANGEBURG FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES TO HIM IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors individuals who freely give of their time and resources for the good of others; and

Whereas, David Phillips of Orangeburg has contributed invaluable service to his church and community and is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, the oldest son of Wilbert and Bessie Phillips, David Phillips was reared in Orangeburg County. He attended the Orangeburg County public schools and was employed for forty‑two years at the Savannah River Plant in Jackson; and

Whereas, he also found time to be an entrepreneur. As the only barber in Norway for forty‑five years, he was usually open on Fridays and Saturdays and even provided free haircuts to those living through hard times who could not pay; and

Whereas, sixty years ago, David Phillips married the former Catherine Johnson (“Doll,” as he calls her), God blessing their union with a fine family of four: Greggory, Constance, Charles Eric, and Garneda. These dear children have given their parents the joy of seven grandchildren and nine great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, Deacon and Mrs. Phillips joined Mount Pisgah Baptist Church of Orangeburg in 1956, and he was ordained a deacon in 1968. After her husband’s ordination, Mrs. Phillips assisted him regularly in visiting the sick and shut‑in and in providing comfort and support to members in need. They continue to be devout and devoted workers in numerous ministries of the church; and

Whereas, having become chairman of the Mount Pisgah Board of Deacons in 1978, he worked diligently in that capacity until December 2012. In addition to his work as a deacon, he has served as a Sunday School teacher and member of Ward I, the men’s ministry, prayer band, Bible study, senior adult ministry, senior missionary ministry, and his Sunday School class; and

Whereas, this true servant‑leader over the years has twice served as interim pastor of Mount Pisgah in time of need; and

Whereas, Deacon Phillips’ dedication to civic and community life is no less meritorious. He is a Silver‑Life Member of the NAACP, where he works with voter registration. Deacon Phillips is also an avid CCMO volunteer and has received many awards from church ministries and various community organizations; and

Whereas, a gentle man with an endearing and untiring spirit, he is known and respected for setting a high example of Christian manhood and for living his life in service to God, his family, and the community; and

Whereas, to recognize Deacon Phillips for his many years of service, his family and friends will host an appreciation banquet in his honor on June 29, 2013; and

Whereas, the House takes great pleasure in recognizing the dedicated service of such an outstanding son of South Carolina as Deacon David Phillips, and the members pray God’s richest blessing on him as he continues to serve the Lord. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and commend Deacon David Phillips of Orangeburg for his many years of dedicated service to his church and community and extend best wishes to him in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Deacon David Phillips.

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