**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR PASTOR EDDIE W. DAVIS OF LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH IN BLYTHEWOOD ON THE OCCASION OF HIS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT LITTLE ZION 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 General Assembly honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to succor the souls of men; and

Whereas, Pastor Eddie W. Davis of Little Zion Baptist Church in Blythewood stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the Gospel, one much admired by colleagues, congregation, and area residents at large; and

Whereas, in preparation for a long and fruitful ministry, Eddie W. Davis graduated from the Insurance Adjuster’s Institute of Miami and Morris College in Sumter, where he received his bachelor’s degree in theology, following which he furthered his theological studies at Columbia Bible College; and

Whereas, on March 20, 1983, Pastor Davis accepted the call to Little Zion, coming from Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Hopkins, where he was licensed and ordained; and

Whereas, Pastor Davis believes strongly in active community involvement and demonstrates that conviction through participation in various civic and community councils. This former chairman of the Commission of Education for Gethsemane Baptist Association is also a member of its executive board. In addition, he is a proud veteran of the United States Air Force and former member of the South Carolina Air National Guard; and

Whereas, Little Zion has experienced abundant blessing under the leadership of Pastor Davis, and the church has grown in both numbers and maturity in Christ; and

Whereas, during Pastor Davis’s tenure, Little Zion has seen new milestones reached and ministries inaugurated, such as the greater involvement of women in the church and the expansion or creation of Bible study, Sunday School, a scholarship program, and the music, seniors, entrepreneurial, and health ministries; and

Whereas, Eddie Davis’s marriage of more than forty years to the late Shirley Glenn Davis was blessed with twenty‑six years of joint ministry at Little Zion. They raised three fine children, Eric, Kimberly, and Trenton, who have given their parents the joy of six grandchildren, Ezra, Elias, Emmanuel, Jalen, Kimbreia, and Kaitlyn Shirley; and

Whereas, in 2012, God granted him a wonderful new helpmeet, First Lady Monica Davis, and her family, son Coy III, daughters Angelique and Shaundria, and grandchildren Cheridyn and Coy IV; 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,” Pastor Davis has demonstrated to others how to be “steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord”; and

Whereas, the General Assembly, cognizant of his many years of spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina, wishes to express its grateful thanks to Pastor Eddie W. Davis and wish him God’s best as he continues to run the race the Lord has set before him. 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, honor Pastor Eddie W. Davis of Little Zion Baptist Church in Blythewood on the occasion of his thirtieth anniversary of Gospel ministry at Little Zion 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 Pastor Eddie W. Davis.

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