**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE REVEREND JIMMY GALLANT OF CHARLESTON FOR HIS DEVOTED AND PASSIONATE MINISTRY TO HIS COMMUNITY, HIS CHURCH, AND HIS GOD.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are grateful for the years of outstanding service that Jimmy Gallant has dedicated to ministering the truth of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor’s degree from Benedict College, attended both Columbia University and Lutheran Theological Seminary, and received a master’s in theology from Gulf Coast Seminary; and

Whereas, from 1990 to 1998, Reverend Gallant served as an associate evangelist and director for the urban ministry of the John Guest Evangelistic Team and as the Vice President of AGAPE Inner City of Charleston Assembly from 1988 to 2004; and

Whereas, Reverend Gallant served as one of five chaplains at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, and he has ministered as the senior chaplain of the Charleston Police Department since 1990, as a chaplain of South Carolina Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and as a chaplain and member of both the Fraternal Order of Police and the South Carolina Police Corps Advisory Board; and

Whereas, he served as the coordinator of Midnight Basketball for eight hundred participants from 1989 to 2003, and he was a member of the Trident Workforce Youth Council Investment Board, the Governor’s Juvenile Justice Task Force, and the Task Force on Gangs and Gang Violence for the Attorney General; and

Whereas, Jimmy Gallant represented District Five on the Charleston City Council for twelve years, during which time he served as Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Charleston, as the Vice Chair of both the Community Development Committee and the Public Safety Committee; and

Whereas, from 2006 to 2009, Reverend Gallant served as assistant to the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Mount Pleasant; and

Whereas, he has received Honorary Doctorates from the Medical University of South Carolina and Cathedral Bible College and among his numerous civic and professional awards, he was honored with the 1997 Charleston Shriners Temple 139 Religious and Education Award; the 1997 Charleston NAACP President’s Award; the 2003 Outstanding Service Award in Politics of the Mu Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi; and the Macedonia AME Church Service Award, Black History Month 2004; and

Whereas, Reverend Gallant has ministered the truth of Jesus Christ across the nation in youth detention centers, nursing homes, prisons, fire houses, police stations, hospitals, and inner‑city streets, and he has taken this message to the far reaches of the world including, the Union of Soviet Socialists Republic (U.S.S.R.); Ghana, West Africa; the Caribbean Islands; Israel; and Germany; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives express their profound gratitude for the life of dedicated service that Jimmy Gallant has bestowed on his community and on the Palmetto State. 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 the Reverend Jimmy Gallant of Charleston for his devoted and passionate ministry to his community, his church, and his God.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Reverend Jimmy Gallant.

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