**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND JAMES COLEESTER “JIMMY” PITTS, MINISTER OF SINGLES II AND BENEVOLENCE AT RIVERLAND HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, OF IRMO, SOUTH CAROLINA UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY‑SIX YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS 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 Reverend Jimmy Pitts for his significant ministry to Riverland Hills Baptist Church in Irmo, South Carolina and to his community; and

Whereas, the first lay person to be ordained to the ministry from the Riverland Hill congregation, Reverend Jimmy Pitts was ordained in 2004, but has faithfully shared the Gospel message of Jesus Christ since 1998; and

Whereas, he has been as the devoted teacher of the church’s Bethel Adult Bible Fellowship Sunday school class for more than twenty‑three years, encouraging his students to live the Word of God in their daily lives; and

Whereas, Reverend Pitts has served with love and sincerity through the Singles II and Benevolence ministries, and he was an instrumental organizer and leader of twenty‑seven mission trips to Romania, four to Peru, and four to Alaska; and

Whereas, in the patriotic tradition of sons of South Carolina, he served with distinction in the United States Army Reserves for twenty‑four years before retiring; and

Whereas, he plans to spend many happy days of retirement with his beloved wife, Louise; his fine children, David and Julie; and his adoring grandchild, Austin; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the years of unparalleled service and dedication that Reverend Jimmy Pitts has devoted to Riverland Hills Baptist Church and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑deserved 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 Reverend James Coleester “Jimmy” Pitts, minister of Singles II and Benevolence at Riverland Hills Baptist Church, upon the occasion of his retirement after twenty‑six years of exemplary service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend James Coleester “Jimmy” Pitts.

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