**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF NEW BETHEL AME CHURCH OF BISHOPVILLE AND TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR THEIR MINISTRY TO THEIR COMMUNITY UPON THE OCCASION OF THE CHURCH’S 2014 HOMECOMING.

Whereas, founded in 1920, New Bethel AME Church has accepted the task of ministering to its own flock of Christian believers, as well as the community at large; and

Whereas, on Saturday and Sunday, May 24‑25, 2014, the church will celebrate its fifteenth homecoming through praising the Lord in word and song during special worship services, all under the theme of “Satisfied in Faith”; and

Whereas, on May 24, the schedule includes the young people’s hour of praise, worship, and spiritual entertainment, followed by refreshments; and

Whereas, May 25 will bring a worship service with guest speaker Chief Calvin Collins of the Bishopville Police Department and a light meal to follow; and

Whereas, appreciative of the fine ministry of Bethel AME, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in wishing its congregation the choicest blessings of God on this fifteenth homecoming and on all the church’s future endeavors in the Bishopville community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives recognize and honor the members of New Bethel AME Church of Bishopville and express gratitude for their ministry to their community upon the occasion of the church’s 2014 homecoming.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Reverend Jerome McCray, senior pastor, for the church.

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