**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GEORGE WINGATE, JR., OF DARLINGTON COUNTY, MINISTER OF MUSIC AT THE NEW PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS NOBLE SERVICE IN THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

Whereas, in the worship of God, only the preaching of the Word reaches more hearts on a deeper level than Christian psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Therefore, the importance of Christ‑honoring music in the worship services of the Church cannot be overstated; and

Whereas, George Wingate, Jr., minister of music at the New Providence United Methodist Church, is among God’s chosen servants who enable and encourage the saints to lift up their voices in true musical worship of the Lord, and he is thereby worthy of praise; and

Whereas, a native of Lee County, George Wingate, Jr., was born on October 18, 1955, to George, Sr., and Annie M.W. Wingate; and

Whereas, over the course of his music ministry, George Wingate, Jr., has served Sandy Grove United Methodist Church (UMC) of Lamar, Ebenezer UMC of Bishopville, Mt. Zion UMC of Timmonsville, and New Providence UMC of Darlington, where he has ministered since 2004; and

Whereas, God has always had a plan for his life, as testified in Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV): “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”; and

Whereas, as an ordained minister, musician, motivator, and servant, George Wingate, Jr., has touched thousands of people through his remarkable musical gifts, both instrumental and vocal. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor George Wingate, Jr., of Darlington County, minister of music at the New Providence United Methodist Church, and thank him for his noble service in the worship of Almighty God.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to George Wingate, Jr.

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