**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE REVEREND JACKIE BOYD OF CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH IN DARLINGTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TWENTY‑SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT CENTER BAPTIST 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 House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to succor the souls of men; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jackie Boyd of Center Baptist Church in Darlington stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the Gospel, one much admired by colleagues, congregation, and area residents at large; and

Whereas, one of fourteen children born to Reverend James Boyd and Mrs. Mary Boyd of Andrews, the young Jackie attended Morris College School of Theology in Sumter. He received a degree in power lifting from Central Carolina Technical College in Sumter, a biblical studies degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, and a certificate of hospital ministry at Tuomey Regional Medical Center in Sumter; and

Whereas, prior to taking up his duties as minister of Center Baptist Church, Reverend Boyd pastored Hyco Baptist Church in Cassett; Friendship Baptist in Nichols; and the Mt. Nebo, St. Peter, and High Hill Baptist churches in Sumter; and

Whereas, under his leadership, Center Baptist has been blessed. Pastor Boyd has baptized more than 275 new members, and the church has established the Brotherhood, YWA, New Members Class, Leadership Ministry, Mass Choir, Birthday Rally, ministers’ classes, Senior Citizens Brunch, Fourth Sunday Youth Day Service, a praise and worship team, and the Center Community Coalition 4‑H; and

Whereas, respected by his peers, Pastor Boyd has served as president of the St. John Baptist Association Sunday School Convention, moderator of the St. John Baptist Association, and member of the State E&M Convention Executive Board. He currently serves as moderator of New Hope Union and certified Teacher of the School Methods of St. John Baptist Association Church School; and

Whereas, Reverend Boyd considers it one of the greatest triumphs of his life that he was able to persuade Center Baptist First Lady Joyce Shannon Boyd to become his wife. He finds strength for his myriad duties through her strong support, as well as that of their children, Daniel and Donald, and their families; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, cognizant of his many years of spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina, wishes to express its grateful thanks to Reverend Boyd 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 House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the Reverend Jackie Boyd of Center Baptist Church in Darlington on the occasion of his twenty‑seventh anniversary of Gospel ministry at Center Baptist 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 Reverend Jackie Boyd.

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