**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SIMPSONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN GREENVILLE COUNTY AS ITS MEMBERS ARE HONORED WITH THE PLACEMENT OF AN HISTORICAL MARKER TO RECORD THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF THE CHURCH’S CENTURY OF MINISTRY IN THE SIMPSONVILLE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, in April 1916, Simpsonville United Methodist Church was organized as Simpsonville Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and

Whereas, the congregation originally met in the community building of the Woodside Mill, called the Forum, and the congregation’s first pastor was J. L. Singleton; and

Whereas, in 1917, the devoted congregants pledged to build their own sanctuary, and by the end of that year, they had built a church at the corner of S. E. Main and Crisp streets on property donated by H. H. Griffin; and

Whereas, a recreational building and Sunday school were added in 1943, and a new parsonage, replacing the one that had originally been built in 1926, was added in 1959; and

Whereas, in 1965, a four‑phase project began to expand the campus, which included the building of a new sanctuary, a modern A‑frame church, as well as educational buildings which were completed in 1986; and

Whereas, the new sanctuary, the third on the site, replaced both the 1917 building and a fifty‑seat sanctuary built in 1967; and

Whereas, recognizing the prominent impact that Simpsonville United Methodist Church has had on the community’s history, local citizens and members of the congregation took the noteworthy initiative to have an historical marker placed that would acknowledge its significance; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate value the one hundred years of ministry of Simpsonville United Methodist Church as it has welcomed persons to faith in Jesus Christ, has equipped them for a faith that sustains them in daily life, and has sent them into the world to make a difference in Jesus’ name. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Simpsonville United Methodist Church as its pastor and members are honored with the placement of an historical marker to record the significant impact of the church’s century of ministry in the Simpsonville community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Reverend Joel Jones, pastor of Simpsonville United Methodist Church.

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