**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 76 FROM THE TIMMONSVILLE CITY LIMIT TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH INTERSTATE 95 THE “REVEREND DR. HENRY B. PEOPLES HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS AND SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, Reverend Peoples is the fifth of nine children born to the late John and Annie Rebecca Allen Peoples, Sr., of Timmonsville. Reverend Peoples is married to Beatrice J. Peoples, and they are the proud parents of seven children: Valarie Banks, Iris Green, Alton Craig Peoples, Darron Peoples, Hope Simon, Shelah Peoples, and Bridgett Mitchell; and

Whereas, Reverend Peoples is a graduate of Johnson High School in Timmonsville, and Morris College School of Religion in Sumter. He is also a graduate of Ashford University in Clinton, IA; and

Whereas, Reverend Peoples has studied further at the University of Maryland and the University of Biblical Studies. He is also a 1996 graduate of Strom Thurmond Institute of South Carolina Municipal Government. In May 2007, the St. Thomas Christian College of Jacksonville conferred upon him an honorary doctorate of theology degree; and

Whereas, on February 16, 1971, Reverend Peoples delivered his first sermon at the Chaney Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Timmonsville. He was ordained by the Pee Dee Baptist Association on February 23, 1972; and

Whereas, Reverend Peoples has served as pastor of many churches around South Carolina, including Marion Baptist Church in Salters, Hopewell Baptist Church in Georgetown, Bethlehem Baptist Church in Timmonsville, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Darlington, Chaney Grove Baptist Church, and Old Field Baptist Church. He also serves as pastor of Zion Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Timmonsville. He is the first and only pastor since its inception in September 1995; and

Whereas, Reverend Peoples is an active member of his community. He was elected to the Timmonsville Town Council in 1971 and served for eight years. He also served as mayor of the Town of Timmonsville for twelve years. He presently serves as chairman of the Board of Friends United, Inc., a community development organization and is actively involved with a local food bank program that serves Timmonsville and the surrounding communities. His church’s outreach includes the full-time operation of Zion Canaan Child Development Center, which touches many families that are in need of the services provided; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize the extraordinary achievements of Reverend Peoples by naming a portion of United States Highway 76 in his honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of U.S. Highway 76 from the Timmonsville city limit to its intersection with Interstate 95 the “Reverend Dr. Henry B. Peoples Highway” and erect appropriate markers and signs along this portion of highway that contain this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Reverend Dr. Henry B. Peoples.

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