**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. TRAVIS S. HOLMES UPON HIS INSTALLATION AS PASTOR OF ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA ON APRIL 19, 2015, AND TO WISH HIM GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that on April 19, 2015, Dr. Travis S. Holmes will be installed as pastor of Columbia’s St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, a native of Charleston, Travis Holmes was born the son of Rosa Ella Holmes and the late Frank Holmes. In furthering his education, Dr. Holmes earned his bachelor’s degree in recreation administration at Morris College. He also is a graduate of Beacon University, where he received his bachelor of theology, master of theology, and master of divinity. In addition to other studies, he received a master of arts in professional counseling from South University and his doctor of divinity from St. Luke Evangelical School of Studies; and

Whereas, he has been ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ for more than twenty‑five years and in earlier days served as youth minister, counselor, coordinator of youth ministries, and associate minister at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. While at Mt. Zion, he assisted the pastor and developed a youth curriculum that strengthened and produced growth in the youth ministry; and

Whereas, prior to his coming to St. Paul, for sixteen years Dr. Holmes served as pastor of Union Baptist Church, where the ministry grew and prospered. Under his leadership, the church was renovated, the church constitution was revised, and other projects were accomplished; and

Whereas, as the new pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, he will lead the congregation and community in embracing the church’s new vision, called “One Voice and One Vision,” toward the goal of growing and developing ministry that involves and impacts the community for the common good of humanity; and

Whereas, Dr. Holmes also is employed with the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs as a human service specialist. Further, he is the author of *Hide the Word Devotional Book* and has contributed to the monthly minister’s column published by the *Sumter Item*; and

Whereas, Travis Holmes considers it one of the greatest accomplishments of his life that he was able to persuade Carol Renee Johnson‑Holmes to be his bride. Pastor and Mrs. Holmes are the proud parents of Tylah, Zynia, and Denzel; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for his faithful spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in wishing Dr. Holmes God’s best as he inaugurates his ministry at St. Paul and 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, congratulate Dr. Travis S. Holmes upon his installation as pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Columbia on April 19, 2015, 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 Dr. Travis S. Holmes.

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