**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF FIRST NORTHEAST BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CHURCH UPON THE COMPLETION OF ITS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SANCTUARY.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that First Northeast Baptist Church of Columbia has completed construction of its new sanctuary and will dedicate this beautiful house of worship to the service of God on Sunday, October 25, 2015; and

Whereas, profoundly aware of the faithfulness of God and cognizant that “except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it” (Psalm 127:1a, KJV), the congregation of First Northeast Baptist Church is grateful for the wisdom and direction He has provided throughout the journey of building and completing this new worship facility; and

Whereas, as the church transitions into its new house of worship, its members bring with them the culture and traditions established by its founders; church leaders will proclaim God’s Word from the pulpit; members will pray as a corporate body at appointed times, seeking God’s face, sharing the Gospel throughout the neighborhoods and surrounding communities, and supporting missionaries in foreign lands, as well as those laboring in our own country; congregational leaders will teach the Word of God, provide for and comfort the sick and shut‑in, and minister to those in the community who are struggling with poverty, homelessness, and unemployment; and

Whereas, the church continues to work to strengthen marriages and families, educate members in the areas of financial management and other Biblical principles, and teach congregants how to be effective stewards of God’s resources; these and other church ministries will thrive and grow to even greater fruitfulness; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives trusts that the First Northeast Baptist Church congregation and surrounding community will continue to find this local church to be founded upon God’s Word and a great source of encouragement and strength in the days ahead. 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 the members of First Northeast Baptist Church of Columbia and congratulate the church upon the completion of its newly constructed sanctuary.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Stephen S. Masolwa, senior pastor, on behalf of the congregation of First Northeast Baptist Church.

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