**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. TERRY GLENN DUVALL, PASTOR OF MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH OF GAFFNEY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Dr. Terry Glenn Duvall will begin a well‑deserved retirement on April 3, 2016, after forty years as the distinguished and highly‑regarded pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Cherokee County; and

Whereas, he grew up in Georgia as the son of a pastor and earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia; and

Whereas, Terry Duvall served in government for a short time as a clerk, but after a Damascus Road experience like that of Paul the Apostle, he turned from government service to service in the Church, in spite of his youthful vow not follow in his father’s footsteps; and

Whereas, he completed a master of theology and a doctorate of ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky; and

Whereas, in his four decades of service as the pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Dr. Duvall has served in countless local and state leadership roles in the South Carolina Baptist Convention advocating for the inclusion of all people in service to the Lord; and

Whereas, under his leadership, Macedonia has hosted an annual Vacation Bible School at Granard Courts, a Gaffney Housing Authority community, and he advocates for Personal Emergency Assistance­Cherokee Helping (PEACH) Center Ministries, a centralized community mission offering assistance to the needy; and

Whereas, he has worked with Cherokee Pregnancy Center, a ministry to women with unplanned pregnancies, and with the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce to boost tourism in the community; and

Whereas, recently Dr. Duvall has served with the Know(2) initiative on the Do the Math Task Force, which works to improve math education by fostering positive attitudes about math, supporting excellence in math curricula, and promoting opportunities within educational programs. Do the Math is designed to provide more competitive education that will afford better employment opportunities for individuals and thereby a stronger economy for the community; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, the former Allison Glass, he reared two fine children, Kristin Duvall Parker and Jonathan Duvall. They have blessed their parents with five adoring grandchildren: Alli, Elizabeth, and Luke Parker; and Owen and Audrey Duvall, with their sister Cora due to arrive in May; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the years of unparalleled dedication that Terry Duvall has devoted to serving the spiritual needs of his congregation and his community and wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. 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 Dr. Terry Glenn Duvall, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church of Gaffney, upon the occasion of his retirement after forty years of exemplary service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Terry Glenn Duvall.

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