**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ALLIGATOR ROAD IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SAVANNAH GROVE ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH WHIPPORWILL ROAD “DR. RALPH W. CANTY, SR. HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS ROAD THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, the Honorable Ralph W. Canty, Sr., the youngest son of the late Reverend Benjamin F. Canty Sr., and Rena Smith Canty, was born in Sumter, South Carolina. He is married to the former Toye J. Richburg. Together, they are the proud parents of seven children and have six grandchildren; and

Whereas, he holds both a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Morris College, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Hood Theological Seminary; and

Whereas, Reverend Canty was called to the ministry in 1963 and has faithfully pastored Savannah Grove Baptist Church in Florence County since 1968; and

Whereas, he is a member of the Sumter School District Board of Trustees, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the NAACP, and the Goodfellows Social Club; and

Whereas, Reverend Canty is a past president and Interim General Secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention; and

Whereas, he is a former member of the South Carolina House of Representatives and the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to recognize the many accomplishments of this son of South Carolina by naming a portion of highway in Florence County in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the portion of Alligator Road in Florence County from its intersection with Savannah Grove Road to its intersection with Whipporwill Road “Dr. Ralph W. Canty, Sr. Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this road that contain this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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