**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND KEITH COCHRAN, PASTOR OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH IN RAVENEL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY‑ONE 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 Reverend Keith Cochran will begin a well‑deserved retirement after thirty‑one years as the devoted and highly‑regarded pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Ravenel; and

Whereas, born in Ravenel on December 11, 1928, he is one of seventeen children born to Regina Smalls Cochran and Reverend Joseph Cochran; and

Whereas, Keith Cochran completed his early education at Miley Hill Elementary School and studied religious education at Morris College Extension; and

Whereas, for many years he worked with his father in the family business. He was also employed by Heinz and was self‑employed in the trucking business; and

Whereas, a graduate of the Morris College School of Religion, Reverend Cochran faithfully cared for the spiritual needs of the congregation of St. John Baptist Church in Ravenel with compassion and devotion for thirty‑one years; and

Whereas, he has been involved in his denomination as a member of the Old Ashley Association and has served on its executive board; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Mildred, he reared nine fine children of whom he is very proud. Reverend Cochran has been blessed with many adoring grandchildren, great‑grandchildren, and great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the years of unparalleled dedication that Reverend Cochran has devoted to his congregation and his God, and the members celebrate his many years of ministry as his friends and family members join in honoring him upon his well‑earned retirement at the Charleston Air Force Base on July 9, 2016. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Reverend Keith Cochran, Pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Ravenel, upon the occasion of his retirement after thirty‑one 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 Reverend Keith Cochran.

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