**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE REVEREND WILLIAM R. JONES FOR HIS DEDICATED AND MERITORIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE TO WADMALAW ISLAND AND COMMEND HIM FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE THERE.

Whereas, born on Wadmalaw Island, Reverend Jones is the sixth of ten children born to the late Marie and Benjamin Jones, and he graduated from Haut Gap High School; and

Whereas, in the patriotic tradition of sons of the Palmetto State, William Jones joined the United States Army in 1969 and served with distinction in the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, when he returned from military service, he married his beloved wife, the former Mary L. Dickerson, and together they reared a fine son, Marlon, of Kaleen, Texas, who has blessed them with the love of three grandchildren. They also reared one devoted nephew, Larry Coaxum of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Reverend Jones attended Rice Business College and Trident Technical College, where he majored in computer technology, and in response to his call to preach the Gospel in 1985, he studied at L. R. Nichols Seminary and was appointed to pastoral duties in 1991; and

Whereas, he has pastored churches in Cross, Estill, Sheldon, and Summerville, where the Lord enabled him to lead the congregation in building a new church. Now on Wadmalaw Island, his church home is the new St. James Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (A. M. E.) Church; and

Whereas, with deep commitment to his community, Reverend Jones has served on the Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees of Charleston County, and he is a former member of the Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Board, the Charleston County Transportation Advisory Board, and a member of the board of trustees for the South Carolina Annual A. M. E. Conference; and

Whereas, he has been honored by Charleston County with the Good Citizen Award for Community Service; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to honor citizens like William Jones who devote their time and resources to strengthening communities through their families, their churches, and local government agencies. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Reverend William R. Jones for his dedicated and meritorious community service to Wadmalaw Island and commend him for his significant contributions to improve the quality of life there.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend William R. Jones.

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