**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE REVEREND DR. JAMES CALHOUN EVANS, PASTOR OF POPULAR AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN LONGS, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the Senate are pleased to learn that Reverend Dr. James Calhoun Evans will enter a much‑deserved retirement in August 2015 after many years of dedicated service to the members of his community; and

Whereas, Reverend Evans received a call to the ministry in 1952. He began his ministry in 1975 and was ordained as a deacon in 1976, and as an elder in 1978; and

Whereas, Reverend Evans is a 1963 graduate of Morris College with a degree in secondary education, a 1977 graduate of USC Coastal Carolina University with a M.Ed. in secondary education, a 1998 graduate of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary with a master’s of divinity, and a 2006 graduate of Hood Theological Seminary with a divinity in ministry; and

Whereas, Reverend Evans has served in pastoral ministry for thirty‑nine years. He currently serves Popular AME Church in Longs, and has served many churches throughout South Carolina, including St. John, St. Paul, Ebenezer, Bethlehem, St. Luke, Chavis, St. James, Salem, Popular Circuit, and St. Matthew

Whereas, Reverend Evans’ ministry has been most influenced by Reverend Dr. A.J. Jenkins and Reverend Dr. A.L. Holman and his most cherished accomplishment during his pastoral ministry was being a part of the restoration of a church that was divided and separated; and

Whereas, Reverend Evans has been a loving and devoted husband to Shirley D. Evans for forty‑nine years. The couple was blessed with one son, retired Lt. Colonel Leroy Evans, Sr., and three grandchildren. In his free time, he enjoys photography, traveling, and reading; and

Whereas, family and friends will join together to celebrate his retirement on August 14, 2015 at the Surf Golf and Beach Club; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate are pleased to honor this son of South Carolina who has dedicated so much of his life to the service of those throughout his community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Reverend Dr. James Calhoun Evans, pastor of Popular African Methodist Episcopal Church in Longs, upon the occasion of his retirement, and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Reverend Dr. James Calhoun Evans.

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