**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE SIMON M. JENKINS FOR HIS LIFELONG PUBLIC SERVICE TO REFUGE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH AND THE MARION COUNTY COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Simon M. Jenkins for his valuable contributions to the civic and religious life of the people of Marion County; and

Whereas, Simon M. Jenkins was born in Marion, South Carolina on October 30, 1942, the son of the late Deacon Levi G. Jenkins and Bishop Annie Mae Jenkins. He attended Allen University; Quinnipiac College; Morris College School of Religion; and Virginia Union University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Education; and

Whereas, Mr. Jenkins served in the United States Army as a chaplain assistant until he was honorably discharged. His training and assignments included Fort Jackson, Fort Dix, Fort Hamilton, and Fort Wadsworth; and

Whereas, in his career, Mr. Jenkins served as a business teacher at Latimer High School and as the administrator of Jenkins Nursing Center and associate administrator of Mullins Nursing Center. Upon his retirement in 1999, he served the community and youth as a substitute teacher at Marion High School and Marion’s Alternative School; and

Whereas, a man of faith, Mr. Jenkins serves God and teaches God’s word at Refuge Pentecostal Church, which his mother founded and pastored. He has served the church in a number of roles, including janitor, Sunday school teacher, deacon, assistant pastor, and pastor. He is also a bishop of Lighthouse Church of God in Christ and Refuge of Love Fellowship and is a member of the Marion Area Ministerial Alliance. Mr. Jenkins further ministers at Saint Paul Baptist Church Adult Daycare Center and Mullins Nursing Center; and

Whereas, a leader in his community, Mr. Jenkins served as a member and the chaplain of Marion County Council District 2 for six years; and

Whereas, he has been married to the former Florida Jean Page since 1972. Together, they have three children, Angela (Efrem) Pointer, Simon Ira Jenkins, and Ann (David) Graham, and three grandchildren, Caleb Pointer, David Marley Graham, and Maeson Graham; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the passion and dedication that Simon M. Jenkins has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Simon M. Jenkins for his lifelong public service to Refuge Pentecostal Church and the Marion County community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Simon M. Jenkins.

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