**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE REVEREND DOCTOR ISAAC HOLT, JR. UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS TWENTY-FIFTH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY WITH ROYAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO HIS CONGREGATION AND THE NORTH CHARLESTON COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize and honor Reverend Doctor Isaac Holt, Jr., who answered the call of the Holy Spirit in serving those around him; and

Whereas, a native of Alabama, Reverend Holt graduated cum laude and with honors from Morris College, where he earned his Bachelor’s in Organizational Management. He also studied at Alabama A&M University and, a veteran of the United States Navy, at Naval schools of leadership and electronics. In 2017, he received an honorary doctorate from Morris College; and

Whereas, Reverend Holt has served as the senior pastor of Royal Missionary Baptist Church for twenty-five years, and under his leadership, the church has grown in all areas. While the congregation has grown from two hundred members to over three thousand, the church’s physical presence has also grown, having been transformed from one building to a church campus spreading across three blocks. In Royal Missionary’s outreach to the community, the church has established forty-one ministries and a 501(c) nonprofit corporation, the Royal Foundation, which serves three counties. The church also has three worship services each week, and Reverend Holt’s sermons are broadcast worldwide via live streaming on the church website and on FM station WJNU 106.3 Charleston; and

Whereas, a leader in his community, Reverend Holt is a member of the Trustee Board for Morris College, vice moderator for the Charleston County Baptist Association, vice president at large for the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina, and an instructor for both the Charleston Baptist Association and the South Carolina Congress of Christian Education; and

Whereas, throughout his years of ministry, Reverend Holt has received many honors and awards, including recognition as the 2017 National Minister of the Year by the Morris College National Alumni Association; statehouse commendation from the legislatures of Alabama and South Carolina; and keys to the cities of Atmore, Alabama and North Charleston, South Carolina. He is in much demand for workshops, preaching, and teaching; and

Whereas, Reverend Holt is married to First Lady Jannie Holt, and together, they have one son, Isaac, III; and

Whereas, the Senate is grateful for the ministry of Reverend Holt and his service to the community of North Charleston 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, congratulate Reverend Doctor Isaac Holt, Jr. upon the occasion of his twenty-fifth pastoral anniversary with Royal Missionary Baptist Church and honor and recognize his outstanding leadership and service to his congregation and the North Charleston community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Doctor Isaac Holt, Jr.

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