**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND JOSHUA PRIOLEAU, PASTOR OF DAY DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH IN BERKELEY COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON THE OCCASION OF FORTY‑FIVE YEARS OF EXCEPTIONAL MINISTRY IN THE PINEVILLE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina are pleased to learn that Reverend Joshua Prioleau will celebrate forty‑five remarkable years of ministry at a celebration held in his honor at the Day Dawn Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 25, 2017; and

Whereas, after graduating from Russellville High School in l959, he earned a bachelor’s degree in education at Morris College in Sumter in l963; and

Whereas, in the patriotic tradition of the sons of South Carolina, Reverend Prioleau served his beloved country with distinction in the United States Army from l963 to l965; and

Whereas, with a deep conviction that children were not things to be molded, but people to be unfolded into limitless possibilities, he began his distinguished career in education at Blakely High School in Salters in 1965, teaching social studies; and

Whereas, Reverend Prioleau was an avid sportsman and had been a standout basketball player, and he became a basketball coach at Blakely High School; and

Whereas, during this time, he continued his studies at The Citadel for additional coursework, and in l967, he transferred to Cross High School, teaching psychology, sociology, and South Carolina and world history, retiring in l994; and

Whereas, Reverend Prioleau began his ministerial journey at Day Dawn Baptist Church in Pineville in l972, in response to the clear and powerful call of God in his life to teach and preach the Word of God, and he continues to challenge people to believe in Jesus Christ and seek Him for guidance in all that they do and say; and

Whereas, guided by the Scripture verse of Romans 10:15, “And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things,” he has earned the respect and love of his congregation and his community; and

Whereas, Reverend Prioleau is grateful for the blessings of God on his ministry and life, especially for his beloved wife of fifty years, Bettye Varnish Prioleau, and their three fine children: Christia Murdaugh, Joshua Prioleau, and Carmelia Castillo. These children have blessed their parents with seven adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, walking “in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit,” he is thankful to know that, when he can help someone traveling along the way, his life will not be in vain; and

Whereas, realizing that no church is perfect, Reverend Prioleau has led Day Dawn Baptist Church to experience God’s many blessings through spiritual awakening in young and old alike; numerical growth, even though many young members have moved away to find jobs and establish their homes; and the financial blessings of God’s giving people; and

Whereas, through all these blessings, he has taught the members of his congregation that without Christ Jesus, they can do nothing; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the years of spiritual leadership, visionary ministry, and altruistic philanthropy during which Reverend Prioleau has inspired and encouraged many to pursue a personal relationship with God, and the members celebrate his extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Reverend Joshua Prioleau, pastor of Day Dawn Baptist Church in Berkeley County, and congratulate him upon the occasion of forty‑five years of exceptional ministry in the Pineville community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Joshua Prioleau.

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