**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND STUART ASHBY KERSEY AFTER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE SPIRITUAL WELL‑BEING OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS, AND TO WISH HIM HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Reverend Stuart Kersey for his significant contributions to the people of South Carolina; and

Whereas, a native of Richmond, Virginia, Reverend Kersey graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas as well as from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and furthered his studies at the University of Indiana and the University of Virginia for pastoral care; and

Whereas, Reverend Kersey began his career in 1951 at Deep Creek Baptist Church in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. He then moved to Virginia to serve the Lord at Lawrenceville Baptist Church, Orange Baptist Church, and Rosalind Hills Baptist Church. In 1968, he was called to Maryland to begin sharing the Word with the people of Adelphi at Hillandale Baptist Church. On June 23, 1974, Reverend Kersey began his ministry as pastor of Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church in Gaffney; and

Whereas, he has served on multiple boards in various capacities, including the annuity board and committee on boards for the Southern Baptist Convention, the radio and television commission for the South Carolina Baptist Convention, moderator of the Broad River Baptist Association, and the board of trustees for Anderson College, in addition to serving as president of the Minister’s Conference in Kentucky and Virginia; and

Whereas, Reverend Kersey is also a former president of the Gaffney Rotary Club, Cherokee County Health Foundation, Inc., a member of the executive committee of the Cherokee County Health Policy and Planning Committee, and member and past president of the Cherokee County American Cancer Society; and

Whereas, having preached for nineteen years at Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church, Reverend Kersey retired in 1993. He has since served as an interim pastor at Goucher Baptist Church, Draytonville Baptist Church, Temple Baptist Church, Fairview Baptist Church, and Calvary Baptist Church. He has also served as a part‑time chaplain for Market Place Ministries, Southern Division; and

Whereas, on April 1, 1993, he received the Governor’s Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor awarded, for outstanding service to the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, the late Margaret Jean Coons, he is blessed with two beloved children, Nanette K. Richardson and Stuart Harrod Kersey, three lovely grandchildren, and five cherished great grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives wish to express their gratitude for the many years of service that Reverend Kersey has given to the Palmetto State and wish him joy in the years to come. 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 Stuart Ashby Kersey after many years of outstanding service to the spiritual well‑being of South Carolinians, and wish him happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Stuart Ashby Kersey.

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