**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 417 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 14 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH BROOKWOOD POINT PLACE “REVEREND CARLOS BLEASE WATSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, Reverend Carlos Blease Watson was born on September 25, 1924, the son of the late Fred Lucius Watson and the late Elizabeth Bagwell Watson, and departed this earthly life on February 22, 2016; and

Whereas, he was faithfully married to his beloved wife, Margie Lee Brown Watson, for sixty‑seven years; and

Whereas, a graduate of Furman University and Southeastern Theological Seminary, Reverend Watson was ordained into the ministry in his home church, Rocky Creek Baptist Church in Greenville; and

Whereas, his ministry included pastorships at Selma Baptist Church, Kelleytown Baptist Church, and New Hope Baptist Church. He also served as the Pastoral Care Minister at Brookwood Community Church and as chaplain of Jeff Lynch Appliance Company; and

Whereas, Reverend Watson was a distinguished World War II United States Army veteran who served in the 32nd Infantry Division; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to honor the memory of this man of God by naming a portion of South Carolina Highway 417 in Greenville County in his honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the portion of South Carolina Highway 417 in Greenville County from its intersection with South Carolina Highway 14 to its intersection with Brookwood Point Place “Reverend Carlos Blease Watson Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this location containing this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Department of Transportation.

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