**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND APOSTLE DORIS JOHNSON FOR HER COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND TO WISH HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Apostle Doris Johnson is the daughter of the late Reverend James C. and Evangelist Maybell Sumter. She is the second eldest of six daughters. Her sisters include Pastor Gloria Brown, Arlene Sumter, Adrian Dingle, Etta Powell, and Megan Drayton; and

Whereas, married to Elder Blanton Johnson, Sr., Doris has three sons, Blanton Dewitt Johnson, Jr., Jason Cleon Johnson, and Trevor James Johnson; one daughter Mico Holmes; three granddaughters, and five grandsons; and

Whereas, Apostle Johnson began singing with The Angel Light Gospel Singers, her family’s singing group, at the age of nine. She received intense instructions from her mother telling all the children that they could not go around singing if they did not seek the Lord for themselves. It was during this time that she truly began to seek to know God. At the age of eleven, she was baptized under the hand of Reverend William Grant of Lovely Hill Baptist Church. A year later, she was going from church to church reciting the “Deck of Cards” by Edna Gilmore‑Cook; and

Whereas, after three years of struggling with the call of God to preach the gospel, she yielded to the will of the Lord on May 20, 1990. On August 26 of that same year, she preached her trial sermon under the late Bishop C. B. Wortherly and under the eldership of Reverend Q. B. Conyers. The topic that God put in her heart was “Searching for Love in All the Wrong Places;” and

Whereas, in 1992, God placed upon her soul a burden to aid women, and she began to host women conferences, workshops, and seminars. Since that time she has sponsored and participated in many conferences throughout South and North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Haiti, and Kenya; and

Whereas, on November 10, 1996, the Lord appointed Apostle Johnson to the office of pastor through the late Rt. Bishop George M. Lang; and

Whereas, Apostle Johnson is the author of “Fall Down and Worship Him‑Desperate People Do Desperate Things;” and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina are grateful for Apostle Johnson’s legacy of spreading God’s grace and love and wish her many more years of happiness in the Light of the Lord. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and commend Apostle Doris Johnson for her commitment to public service and wish her much continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Doris Johnson.

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