**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE PASTOR JAMES E. HOLIDAY AT THE CELEBRATION OF HIS TWENTY‑FIVE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS AND FAITHFUL SERVICE TO BUSHY POND BAPTIST CHURCH IN NORWAY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Norway’s Bushy Pond Baptist Church will honor Pastor James E. Holiday at the celebration of his twenty‑fifth pastoral anniversary on Sunday, June 3, 2018; and

Whereas, a native of Norway in this great State, Pastor James E. Holiday grew up in the church he now pastors. He was ordained at Bushy Pond Baptist Church in October 1992 and continues to spiritually nurture parishioners and the Norway community at large; and

Whereas, Pastor Holiday envisions and works diligently to develop a church that ministers to the whole person and to the community it serves. As with any visionary, Pastor Holiday knows that the work God has for him and the Bushy Pond family has only just begun; and

Whereas, to prepare himself for his life’s work, James Holiday graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and Claflin University, earning a bachelor’s degree in sociology and criminal justice. In addition, Pastor Holiday holds master’s degrees from Liberty Theological Seminary in both religion and religious education; and

Whereas, in the community, Pastor Holiday is a lifelong member of the NAACP and serves as chaplain for the Orangeburg County Sheriff’s Department. In addition, he is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated; and

Whereas, James Holiday considers it one of the greatest triumphs of his life that he was able to persuade the lovely Sybrenda James to become his wife. He and his first lady are the proud parents of three children, Wilton, Brenton, and Emily. Pastor and Mrs. Holiday also delight in their three charming grandchildren, Cameron Jeremiah, Nylah Brielle, and Kaleb; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, grateful for the life testimony of consistent commitment and excellence Pastor Holiday has bestowed on the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in wishing him well as he continues to serve the Lord in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Pastor James E. Holiday at the celebration of his twenty‑five years of continuous and faithful service to Bushy Pond Baptist Church in Norway.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor James E. Holiday.

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