**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE REVEREND RAY C. HOLLOWAY OF MCCORMICK COUNTY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to the welfare of this great state’s most important legacy, its children; and

Whereas, the Reverend Ray C. Holloway of McCormick, retiring again after many fruitful years as a classroom teacher, stands among their number as an outstanding public benefactor, one much admired in his role as both educator and community leader; and

Whereas, the young Ray earned his bachelor’s degree in theology at H.L. Starks Seminary in Memphis, Tennessee, followed by a master of theology at the same institution. In addition, he studied at the Benedict College Extension for Ministers and earned his bachelor’s degree in elementary education at Voorhees College in Denmark. He studied further on the graduate level at several other institutions; and

Whereas, his teaching experience is extensive. Over the years, he has served as an adult education instructor for McCormick County School District, middle school English and history instructor for Lincoln County School District in Georgia, middle school English and history instructor for Jefferson County School District in Georgia, middle school English and mathematics instructor for McCormick County School District, and elementary school educator for Laurens County School District; and

Whereas, Reverend Holloway’s past or present service as a pastor includes tenures at Shaws Creek Baptist Church in Trenton, Rock Hill Baptist Church in Saluda, and First Baptist Church in Lincolnton, Georgia. He also has served as assistant pastor at Bethany Baptist Church in McCormick and associate pastor at New Hope Baptist Church in McCormick, and he has been an executive board member for the Baptist Education and Missionary Convention. Additionally, he has served as dean, assistant dean, and religious studies instructor for the Macedonia Sunday School Congress, as well as moderator for the Ridge Hill Educational Association and Union Third Division of the Simmon Ridge Association; and

Whereas, he has not gone unappreciated. Among his honors are a presidential citation from Morris College, presidential award from the Baptist Education and Missionary Convention of South Carolina, Lincoln County Middle School Teacher of the Year award, and Award for Baptist Leadership in the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, to celebrate his retirement, his family and friends will gather to honor him on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at the McCormick County Senior Center; and

Whereas, having set the bar of achievement high in his profession, Ray Holloway will be remembered with affection and gratitude by colleagues, students, parents, and legislative friends for 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, congratulate the Reverend Ray C. Holloway of McCormick County upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his many years of dedicated service as an educator, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Ray C. Holloway.

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