**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE GOOD HOPE CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON ITS ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY, TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHURCH FOR ITS DEEP HERITAGE IN LEXINGTON COUNTY, AND TO COMMEND THE LEADERSHIP AND CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize and honor Good Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church as it continues to prevail under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the power of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, Good Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was founded by former slaves in 1867 as a colored congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; and

Whereas, Good Hope became a charter member in 1870 and is the oldest Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Lexington and Richland County; and

Whereas, the church’s one hundred fiftieth anniversary program will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2017; and

Whereas, the Senate is grateful for the ministry of Good Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and its service to the community of Lexington County and the State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Good Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on its one hundred fiftieth anniversary, recognize and honor the church for its deep heritage in Lexington County, and commend the leadership and congregation for their years of service to the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Good Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

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