**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND DR. LOUIS C. WILLIAMS, SR., PASTOR OF ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH IN SAINT MATTHEWS, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON HIS INSTALLATION AS THE CHURCH’S PASTOR.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Reverend Dr. Louis C. Williams, Sr., was installed as the pastor of Antioch Baptist Church on Sunday, March 31, 2019; and

Whereas, born in Fort Motte on October 9, 1947, Louis Williams is the first son of the late Reverend Pete Williams and Louise Williams, and he graduated from John Ford High School; and

Whereas, Mr. Williams studied at several schools in New York and earned a bachelor’s degree in religious studies and philosophy from the College of New Rochelle in New York, and he was awarded an honorary doctorate of divinity from Virginia University of Lynchburg, Virginia; and

Whereas, Union Baptist Church in New York City licensed Reverend Williams into the Gospel ministry in 1990 and ordained him to the deacon board in 1992. He served that church as the youth pastor before answering the call of Glover Memorial Baptist Church in 1995 to serve as its pastor; and

Whereas, under his leadership at Glover Memorial, numerous ministries were organized, including Christian education, Baptist Training Union, Baptist Youth Fellowship, praise and worship, intercessory prayer, evangelism, and a soup kitchen and pantry; and

Whereas, Reverend Williams faithfully served his denomination as the 2nd vice president of the Brooklyn Baptist Conference in New York, and as an active member of the Brooklyn Council of Churches; the Hampton University Ministers’ Conference; the National Baptist Convention of USA, Inc.; the American Baptist Churches; the Empire State Baptist Convention; and the Eastern Baptist Association of New York, Inc.; and

Whereas, a vigorous spiritual leader, Reverend Williams served his community as a Boy Scout and Cub Scout leader, a youth basketball and baseball coach, and a member of the NAACP; and

Whereas, after thirty‑five years of service with the United States Postal Inspection Services as a postal police supervisor, he retired at the rank of sergeant. Reverend Williams served in a New Jersey high school as a substitute teacher and security police officer, and since relocating to Orangeburg in 2016, he serves as a substitute teacher in Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five; and

Whereas, he has preached and traveled extensively, including to Israel, Judea, Jordan, and the Caribbean, as well as throughout the United States; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of forty‑five years, Reverend Dr. Dorothy A. Keitt Williams, he reared two fine children, Louis C. Williams, Jr., and Reverend Keturah Williams. They have blessed their parents with the affection of three grandchildren; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the years of devoted ministerial experience that Reverend Louis Williams brings to Antioch Baptist Church, and the members wish him well as he continues his ministry there. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Reverend Dr. Louis C. Williams, Sr., pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Saint Matthews and congratulate him upon his installation as the church’s pastor.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Dr. Louis C. Williams, Sr.

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