**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE ST. ELIZABETH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF HORRY COUNTY FOR A HUNDRED YEARS OF CONTINUAL, CARING MINISTRY.

Whereas, on June 2, 2019, St. Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its centennial anniversary. One hundred years earlier, six people met at Aynor’s Coastline Railroad Depot to form a church; and

Whereas, the group chose the name St. Elizabeth Missionary Baptist and planned to build a church with Reverend Ben Bragdon as pastor. When the second pastor, Reverend Joe Gore, was called, the Aynor community began building the church, which was completed in June 1919. The church was strengthened and membership increased for the next ten years until the facility had to be enlarged; and

Whereas, the building program has been impacted by several ministers. In 1964, under the guidance of Reverend Samuel A. Green, the present church was built, and in 1984, under the leadership of Reverend George P. Windley, Sr., the fellowship building was constructed; and

Whereas, in 2012, the congregation called Reverend Dr. George E. Payton, who along with the dedicated deacons, continues to encourage the church to retain its humble spirit; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives honors St. Elizabeth Church for reaching this momentous milestone of ten decades with its motto: “All for one, one for all; together we stand, together we fall. It is because we are a family.” 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 congratulate St. Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church of Horry County for a hundred years of continual, caring ministry.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Doctor George E. Payton and to deacons Brother Edison L. Best and Brother Hilbert A. Best.

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