**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BRUTON’S FORK BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARLBORO COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY‑SECOND ANNIVERSARY, AND TO WISH THE CHURCH LEADERS AND CONGREGATION GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS THEY CONTINUE TO SERVE THE LORD IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

Whereas, having been founded in 1837, Bruton’s Fork Baptist Church of Bennettsville will celebrate its historic one hundred eighty‑second anniversary in 2019; and

Whereas, Bruton’s Fork, led by the Reverend Rick Foreman as pastor, has sought to carry out the Great Commission with faithfulness and dedication; and

Whereas, records show that on October 21,1937, Bruton’s Fork was organized and subsequently called Pastor Patrick C. Connelly to lead their congregation in ministry. The members would meet once a month in the local school building until a church building was erected in 1873; and

Whereas, by God’s grace, Bruton’s Fork’s history has spanned more than one hundred eighty years, and its congregation, having weathered the storms and triumphantly celebrated the victories the years have brought, continues to pass on a rich heritage of faith.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful of the heritage of Bruton’s Fork Baptist Church which has been a beacon of light and a place of community worship in Marlboro County for the better part of two centuries, and, God willing, will continue its godly heritage for many more years of worship and service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Bruton’s Fork Baptist Church of Marlboro County on the occasion of its historic one hundred eighty‑second anniversary, and wish the church leaders and congregation God’s richest blessings as they continue to serve the Lord in their community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Rick Foreman for Bruton’s Fork Baptist Church.

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