**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND EDUARDO R. YARDE FOR HIS MEANINGFUL MINISTRY AND TO WELCOME HIM TO SOUTH CAROLINA TO PREACH TO THE CONGREGATION OF ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN BARNWELL.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Reverend Eduardo R. Yarde will be the guest speaker at the St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church Family Day on Sunday, July 21, 2019; and

Whereas, born in the City of Colon in the Republic of Panama in 1958, he graduated from Nocturna Official High School, and received a Certificate in religious education from Saint Mary’s University in Colon, Panama; and

Whereas, in November 1983, Reverend Yarde immigrated to Massachusetts where he earned a dual associate degree in business management and liberal arts from Roxbury Community College. He also attended the University of Massachusetts, was a Luce Fellow at Harvard Divinity School, and is currently a candidate in the doctoral program of Christian counseling at the Christian Bible College and Seminary in Independence, Missouri; and

Whereas, licensed to preach in 1991 and ordained in 1992, Pastor Yarde served as a volunteer chaplain at the Nashua Street Jail from 1991 to 1995 before being appointed chaplain at the Suffolk County House of Correction; and

Whereas, in May 1996, he was installed as the Pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, and under his leadership, eight deacons were ordained; seven ministers were licensed to preach the gospel; and the Hospitality Society, Pastor’s Aide, youth ministry, junior and senior usher boards, and women’s ministry were revived; and

Whereas, a state certified counselor of domestic violence and substance abuse, Reverend Yarde is a member of the Black Ministerial Alliance and the Baptist Ministers Conference of Boston and vicinity; and

Whereas, he served with distinction in the Massachusetts Army National Guard for twenty‑three years, retiring in October 2010, and he was employed by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) from 2009 to 2017 and retired from the Red Line as a train operator. He is the union barn captain for the Red Line in Local 589; and

Whereas, grateful for Pastor Yarde’s love and passion for preaching the Gospel of salvation, the South Carolina House of Representatives welcomes him to the Palmetto State and wishes him and the church’s pastor, Reverend John W. Young, and the congregation of St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church a blessed Family Day event. 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 Eduardo R. Yarde for his meaningful ministry and welcome him to South Carolina to preach to the congregation of St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church in Barnwell.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Eduardo R. Yarde.

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