**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAMES H. “JIM” SALLEY, ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT AT AFRICA UNIVERSITY IN ZIMBABWE, AFRICA, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND TO WISH HIM MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, born and raised on a farm in Orangeburg, James H. “Jim” Salley is the son of the late James Salley, a carpenter and small farmer, and Marie Salley, a homemaker and protector of her children; and

Whereas, Jim Salley received his bachelor’s degree from South Carolina State University and earned a honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Claflin University. He also holds certificates for graduate seminars in higher education and fundraising. Prior to his work with the United Methodist Church, Mr. Salley worked as the Director of Institutional Advancement at South Carolina State University; and

Whereas, Mr. Salley began his professional broadcasting career in the 1970s, working at several television and radio news media outlets, and was the first African American to serve as president of both the South Carolina Associated Press Broadcasters Association and the Radio & Television News Directors Association of the Carolinas; and

Whereas, by 1986, Mr. Salley was serving as director at the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. From his initial conversations about establishing a United Methodist University in Africa to his help in planning and presenting the project to the United Methodist General Conference, Jim Salley was instrumental in establishing Africa University, the first university founded by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church on the continent; and

Whereas, under Mr. Salley’s leadership, Africa University has grown from forty students in renovated farm buildings to one thousand six hundred students with more than eight thousand graduates and forty‑four modern buildings. The University’s endowment fund has also grown from three hundred thousand dollars to sixty‑five million dollars. Jim has personally endowed Africa University with the “Marie and James Salley Scholarship”, honoring his parents and contributing more than one hundred‑thirty thousand dollars to the endowment; and

Whereas, proving to be a man of faith, Jim Salley is a member of Edisto Fork United Methodist Church in Orangeburg. He has served the United Methodist Church in various professional and service roles and has provided successful fundraising leadership to a number of United Methodist churches, historically black colleges and universities, and other religious organizations; and

Whereas, because of his many years of spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina and Africa, Jim Salley deserves grateful thanks, as well as fervent wishes for God’s best in his life and ministry, as he continues to run the race the Lord has set before him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolutions, recognize and honor James H. Salley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement at Africa University in Zimbabwe, Africa, for his many years of dedicated service and outstanding contributions and to wish him much continued success and fulfillment in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to James H. “Jim” Salley.

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