**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE *BAPTIST COURIER* ON ITS ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXTEND WARM WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE MINISTRY TO WHICH GOD HAS CALLED THIS FINE MAGAZINE.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the *Baptist Courier* is celebrating its one hundred fiftieth anniversary in 2019; and

Whereas, the *Baptist Courier* believes that, as followers of Christ, South Carolina Baptists should have a knowledge of denominational news and events occurring across the State, nation, and world. The *Baptist Courier* provides a vital link to the work of Southern Baptists who labor in His name, encouraging all to be doers, and not just hearers, of the Word; and

Whereas, established in 1869 and adopted as the official newspaper of the South Carolina Baptist Convention in 1920, the *Baptist Courier* is in the news business. But it also is in the Good News business, as it tells the story of how South Carolina Baptists are working together to carry out the requirements of the Great Commission and as it serves as a tool for assisting church members along their individual journeys of faith, as well as the collective faith journey shared by all members of the convention’s more than 2,100 churches; and

Whereas, the methods by which people receive and process information are constantly evolving. The explosive growth of online information technology over the past two decades is rivaled only by the invention of television more than half a century ago. An increasing number of people prefer to get their news online; arguably, the trend will only accelerate in the next decade. The *Baptist Courier* is committed to utilizing the internet, email, and emerging information technologies to fulfill its mission of making its stories available to every South Carolina Baptist; and

Whereas, because the magazine is not bound by space limitations online, it regularly posts content to its online edition that doesn’t appear in the printed magazine. Staff members update the online edition with fresh stories, in essence publishing a “daily” edition of the *Baptist Courier* to complement the traditional printed edition, which is mailed monthly directly to the homes of subscribing South Carolina Baptists. Some features of the online edition are instant email news alerts, searchable archives, and the ability to publish an unlimited number of stories from member churches; and

Whereas, with gratitude for the magazine’s long years of fine service, the House takes great pleasure in adding its collective voice of praise to the many tributes flowing in to the *Baptist Courier* on its sesquicentennial anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the *Baptist Courier* on its one hundred fiftieth anniversary and extend warm wishes for continued success in the ministry to which God has called this fine magazine.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the *Baptist Courier*.

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