**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BELTON WILLIAMS, PRELATE CHIEF APOSTLE OF GREATER FAITH MINISTRIES IN BARNWELL, AND TO CELEBRATE HIS THIRTY‑ONE YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE AS PASTOR.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Prelate Chief Apostle Belton Williams will be honored on Sunday, June 9, 2019, for more than three decades of dedicated service as senior pastor and overseer of Greater Faith Ministries; and

Whereas, born in Aiken on July 2, 1954, and reared in New Ellenton, he is the son of the late Frank and Orine Williams, and he attended Greendale Elementary School and graduated from Aiken High School in 1972; and

Whereas, Belton Williams began his walk of faith in 1979, and as a faithful servant of Christ, he has never looked back but served fervently in St. Noah Church of God in Christ in Aiken. No job was too small or too difficult as he drove a van, led youth and boys’ clubs, served as a deacon, or helped to build onto the church; and

Whereas, to further prepare for ministry, he earned a Doctor of Divinity from Life International Bible; and

Whereas, in 1988, he was called to serve as the pastor of Greater Faith Mission in Barnwell with a passion for bringing a spiritual awakening to Barnwell; and

Whereas, Pastor Williams went door to door passing out tracts, and he fed the hungry with love and compassion. By 1998, the congregation needed a new building to accommodate the growing number of worshipers, and the building was completed in 1999; and

Whereas, to assist the Barnwell Community, Pastor Williams developed a community‑based corporation known as Higher Grounds Community Development. With a vision to tutor at‑risk children, he led the church to build a fellowship hall, and it was completed in 2002; and

Whereas, together he and his beloved wife of forty years, Senior Prophetess Dr. Jennifer Williams, reared three delightful children: Meloni, Phillip, and Candace. These children have blessed their parents with the affection of three granddaughters; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the years of devoted service that Belton Williams has given to the congregation of Greater Faith Ministries, to the Barnwell community, and to his God. 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 Belton Williams, Prelate Chief Apostle of Greater Faith Ministries in Barnwell, and celebrate his thirty‑one years of faithful service as pastor.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Prelate Chief Apostle Belton Williams.

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