**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE PINE PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH OF NINETY SIX ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN 2018 AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY AND A HALF OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, founded in 1868, Pine Pleasant Baptist Church of Ninety Six is celebrating its one hundred fifty‑first anniversary of Gospel ministry in 2019; and

Whereas, Pine Pleasant, led by the Reverend Willie K. Cannady as pastor, has sought to serve the Lord with faithfulness; and

Whereas, the church, first organized in 1868 under the leadership of Reverend Dawkins, held worship services under a brush arbor. As more individuals confessed their faith in Christ, it became necessary to build a larger and better structure, which was completed in 1872. In 1902, the Aulls brothers, along with Mr. Jim Anderson, Mr. Fryer, and Mr. Felix Hill, erected yet another structure to keep up with the growing number of members; and

Whereas, since the early days of Pine Pleasant, its members have endured and survived slavery, two world wars, desegregation, Jim Crow laws, and depressions and recessions. The pastors who shepherded the church through these crises have included the Reverends Boston Jones, Dan Spearman, Caleb Goodwin, J.C. Marshall, T.C. Phillips, E. Hall, B.J. Norford, T.T. Morris, Harrison, Willie Marshall, W.H. Brown, S.L. McCain, C.B. Freeman, Willie S. Harrison, Raymond Adams, Ernest Cannon, and Willie K. Cannady, Pine Pleasant’s current pastor. Four beautiful ladies, Corrie Hicks, Mary Edwards, Alice Hill, and, presently, Mamie Minyard, have served as Mother of the Church; and

Whereas, Pine Pleasant has enjoyed the benefit of various ministries over the years. Today, the church is served musically by the Senior Choir, Inspirational Choir, and Magnetic Youth Choir. In 1972, the church organized senior and junior home missionaries to help the sick and poor and to spread the Gospel of the Lord beyond the walls of Pine Pleasant. In 1982, members formed a men’s club to give the men of the church an opportunity to come together and study God’s Word; and

Whereas, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for a new edifice and fellowship hall in 1988, with a dedication ceremony being held in 1989. Within the new church, old pews were replaced with cushioned ones, and new hymnals and Bibles were purchased, along with a sound system, computer, television, VCR, and bulletin boards. Later, the parking lot was paved, and a new sign was placed in front of the church. As time passed, the church also saw the need to replace the roof and add landscaping, and a newly formed beautification ministry redecorated the vestibule, restrooms, and pastor’s study. The church now worships the Lord on all four Sundays of each month and has formed several new ministries, including the Women’s Auxiliary; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Pastor Cannady, other improvements have blessed the church. A church van was donated by Sunshine House to transport members and guests to worship services and Bible study, new hymnals replaced the old, a computer ministry and couples ministry were formed, a steeple and new kitchen equipment were added, and more; and

Whereas, Pine Pleasant Baptist Church has been a beacon of light and a community worship center in the Ninety Six area for more than one hundred fifty years, 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 Pine Pleasant Baptist Church of Ninety Six on the occasion of its historic one hundred fiftieth anniversary in 2018 and commend the church for more than a century and a half of service to God and the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Pine Pleasant Baptist Church.

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