**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE REVEREND ZANIEL T. YOUNG FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS IN GOSPEL MINISTRY, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS PASTOR OF WESLEY AME ZION CHURCH, AND TO WISH HIM GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

Whereas, it is entirely appropriate to celebrate those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to nurture the souls of men. The Reverend Zaniel T. Young, newly appointed pastor of Wesley AME Zion Church in Burlington, New Jersey, stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the Gospel, one much admired by colleagues, congregation, and area residents at large; and

Whereas, a native son of New Jersey, the Reverend Zaniel T. Young was raised and educated in the public school system of Columbia. He is the second of three children and the first in a set of twins; and

Whereas, he began his ministry in the fall of 1995, in Columbia, under the leadership of the South Atlantic Episcopal District where, at the modest age of nine, he was licensed to preach the gospel at Jones Memorial AME Zion Church; and

Whereas, returning to New Jersey in 2001, Reverend Young joined the Wesley AME Zion Church in Burlington. While there, he served as a member of the ministerial staff, director of youth, and prison ministry/evangelism under the late Reverend Dr. William Cowherd; and

Whereas, Reverend Young was then called to be the founding pastor of Deliverance Temple AME Zion Church in Burlington, New Jersey, where he served until August of 2014. He was subsequently appointed by Bishop Louis Hunter, Sr., to pastor the historic Shrewsbury Avenue AME Zion Church in Red Bank, New Jersey; and

Whereas, at the one hundred and forty‑fifth session of the New Jersey Annual Conference, Reverend Young was appointed by Bishop Dennis V. Proctor to return home and pastor the Wesley AME Zion Church in Burlington, New Jersey; and

Whereas, Reverend Young was the 2011‑2012 recipient of the Sisco Sharadora Scholarship Foundation’s Humanitarian Award for Educational Excellence, Youth Enrichment, and Community Involvement; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, Reverend Young earned an associate degree in criminal justice and a bachelor’s degree in social work, became a licensed social worker, and is currently enrolled in a master of divinity program; and

Whereas, Reverend Young is a firm believer that faith without works is dead, and to that end, the importance of believing in God and trusting Him for only what is done for Him will last; and

Whereas, because of his many years of spiritual nourishment of the people in his community, including in Columbia where his ministry began, Reverend Young 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 resolution, honor the Reverend Zaniel T. Young for his faithfulness in Gospel ministry, thank him for his many years of service to the community, congratulate him on his appointment as pastor of Wesley AME Zion Church, and wish him God’s richest blessings as he continues to serve the Lord.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Zaniel T. Young.

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