**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND M. DEWAYNE MACK, THE NEW PASTOR OF CHERRY GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, TO EXTEND A HEARTFELT WELCOME TO HIM FROM THE PALMETTO STATE, AND TO WISH HIM MANY YEARS OF VIBRANT CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Reverend M. DeWayne Mack accepted a call to serve as the new pastor of Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Darlington; and

Whereas, the fourth pastor of the church in its century and a half, Reverend Mack assumed his new duties on October 27, 2019, after the retirement of the former pastor of fifty‑five years, Reverend E. B. Burroughs; and

Whereas, a native of Washington, D. C., he was reared by his grandparents in the nation’s capital, accepted Christ as Lord and Savior at an early age, and graduated from the Georgetown Preparatory School in Bethesda, Maryland; and

Whereas, Reverend Mack earned a Bachelor’s Degree from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania and a Master of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary. He has completed coursework toward a Doctorate of Ministry at Virginia Union University Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology in Richmond, Virginia; and

Whereas, as a licensed and ordained minister in the Baptist Church, he has served for the past twenty‑eight years in four Baptist congregations as senior minister and in one as a junior church and youth pastor, the latter in the historic Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago; and

Whereas, Reverend Mack served as an adjunct professor of homiletics and biblical studies at Queen City Bible College in Charlotte, North Carolina, and he has held several community appointments and posts and has traveled extensively; and

Whereas, most recently he served as the thirteenth pastor of another historic Baptist church, almost one hundred fifty years old, in southwest Virginia; and

Whereas, among his numerous volunteer activities, Reverend Mack is a lifetime member of the NAACP and serves as the first vice president and chair of the Freedom Fund Banquet of the Southwest Branch. He also served as the director for Christian education and as the dean of the Religious Institute for the BMB Association from 2010 to 2016; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina deeply values the ministry of godly pastors like DeWayne Mack who devote themselves to the spiritual care and practical support of those in the state’s communities. 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 Reverend M. DeWayne Mack, the new pastor of Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church, extend a heartfelt welcome to him from the Palmetto State, and wish him many years of vibrant Christian ministry among the members of the congregation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend M. DeWayne Mack.

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