**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND ERNEST BENJAMIN “E. B.” BURROUGHS OF FLORENCE, PASTOR OF CHERRY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY‑FIVE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives has learned that Reverend E. B. Burroughs began a well‑deserved retirement in 2018 after fifty‑five years of devoted service as the distinguished and highly‑regarded pastor of Cherry Grove Baptist Church; and

Whereas, born in Sumter on July 27, 1937, he is the son of the late Joseph and Susie Mae Stukes Burroughs, and he graduated from Colleton High School in Walterboro in 1956; and

Whereas, a member of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church in Sumter, the young E. B. Burroughs preached his trial sermon in 1948 and was ordained to ministry in 1960. In 1963 he became pastor of Cherry Grove Baptist Church where he began serving full time in 2006 and retired in 2018. In 1964, he began serving as pastor of Palmetto Baptist Church in Darlington as well, retiring after more than forty‑one years in 2005; and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics in 1964 and a Bachelor of Divinity in 1972, both from Morris College, and a Master of Education in guidance and counseling from South Carolina State University in 1973; and

Whereas, Reverend Burroughs began a career in education as a mathematics teacher at Eastern High School in Sumter in 1964 and transferred to Mayo High School in Darlington in 1970. He became a guidance counselor in Darlington at St. John’s High School in 1976 and its director of guidance in 1991 and then served in the same capacity at Darlington High School from 1995 to 1997; and

Whereas, he was employed at Peoples Funeral Home in Florence from 1972 to 1986 and was the general manager of Jordan Funeral Home, Inc., in Darlington from 1987 to 1997. He has served as the director for the Morris College Cheraw Extension since 1999; and

Whereas, among his many honors, Reverend Burroughs was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1995 from his alma mater, Morris College. He earned a Master of Divinity in 2000 and a master’s degree in Christian education in 2010, both from the Samuel D. Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia, and a Doctor of Ministry from Virginia University of Lynchburg in Lynchburg, Virginia in 2005; and

Whereas, devoted to his denomination, he served as second vice moderator for four years and moderator of the Darlington County Baptist Missionary and Educational Union for twenty‑five years. He served the Pee Dee Baptist Association in various leadership positions for more than two decades, as well as the Pee Dee Baptist Sunday School Convention from 1994 to 2000; and

Whereas, a member of the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education since 1963, Reverend Burroughs has served as one of its faculty members since 1975. He is a member of the National Education Association (NEA) and South Carolina Education Association (SCEA); and

Whereas, he has held leadership positions on community and fraternal organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America, South Carolina Mental Health Association, Florence County Voter Registration, the Eta Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and Friendship Masonic Lodge #17 F & AM; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of more than fifty years, Doris Daniels Burroughs, he reared two fine children, Candace Benita Burroughs McLeod and Calvin Emmett Burroughs, and they have blessed him with the affection of eight grandchildren; and

Whereas, grateful for his decades of notable service to God and his congregation, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to extend best wishes to E. B. Burroughs as he transitions to a richly deserved retirement in the days ahead. 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 Ernest Benjamin “E. B.” Burroughs of Florence, pastor of Cherry Grove Baptist Church, upon the occasion of his retirement after fifty‑five years of exemplary service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Ernest Benjamin “E. B.” Burroughs.

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