**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR PASTOR MARK J. CALL, SR., AND FIRST LADY PATRICIA FORD CALL ON ELEVEN YEARS OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN ST. MATTHEWS AND TO WISH THEM GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS THEY CONTINUE TO SERVE THE LORD.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in honoring those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to nurture the souls of men; and

Whereas, Pastor Mark J. Call, Sr., minister of First Assembly of God in St. Matthews, and First Lady Patricia Ford Call stand among their number as outstanding servants of the gospel, both being much admired by colleagues, congregation, and area residents at large; and

Whereas, in preparation for his ministry, Pastor Call graduated from Bryan College, where he received his divinity degree; and

Whereas, having served the congregation of First Assembly of God in St. Matthews faithfully for the past eleven years, Pastor and First Lady Call have proven themselves dedicated to the service of God’s people, and their love for the citizens of St. Matthews is evident. Humbly, they work, ministering tirelessly to the needs of others and fulfilling the work of Christ; and

Whereas, Pastor Call, known for his smile and Christ‑like compassion for others, has participated in many community events and has served numerous times as a guest columnist for the *Calhoun Times* with “A Word From the Pastor’s Desk.” In addition, he previously served as a minister to the incarcerated; and

Whereas, to recognize Pastor and First Lady Call for their many years of service to First Assembly of God and the St. Matthews community, the church will host a Pastor Appreciation Day service on Sunday, September 27, 2020; and

Whereas, appreciative of their many years of commitment in spiritual leadership and service, the members of the House are pleased to join in expressing grateful thanks to Pastor and First Lady Call and in wishing them God’s best as they continue to run the race the Lord has set before them. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate and honor Pastor Mark J. Call, Sr., and First Lady Patricia Ford Call on eleven years of gospel ministry at First Assembly of God in St. Matthews and wish them God’s richest blessings as they continue to serve the Lord.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor Mark J. Call, Sr., and First Lady Patricia Ford Call.

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