**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PASTOR GARY DEXTER MILLER UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS INSTALLATION AS PASTOR AT ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH OF BOWMAN AND TO WISH HIM GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE MINISTERS TO HIS CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were pleased to learn that Pastor Gary Dexter Miller, newly elected pastor of Antioch Baptist Church of Bowman, will be installed on Sunday, March 10, 2019; and

Whereas, the son of the Reverend Sam H. and the late Ellen D. Miller, Pastor Miller is happily married to the former Charlean Lawson of Sumter, and they are the proud parents of two fine children, Gary Dexter II and Gabrielle Elise; and

Whereas, after graduation from Manning High School, Pastor Miller earned a bachelor’s degree in education in 1995 at the University of South Carolina, followed by a master’s degree from Troy State University in public administration. Responding to the call of God into the Gospel ministry, Pastor Miller entered Erskine Theological Seminary and in May 2007 graduated with a master of divinity; and

Whereas, Pastor Miller was licensed by Mt. Chapel Baptist Church of Manning in 1996 and ordained by Mt. Chapel in 2000. Of his twenty‑two years in the ministry, he has spent eighteen years as a full‑time pastor in Eutawville and Bowman. He has taught Bible School for eighteen years and Sunday School for ten years and has twenty‑two years of administrative leadership experience; and

Whereas, Pastor Miller’s past and present memberships and affiliations are numerous and include the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education, and Orangeburg‑Calhoun Missionary Baptist Association (executive board, vice moderator). He teaches in the Morris College Extension Program at the Morris College Campus in Sumter and the Pineville Extension. He is also an instructor for the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education. In addition, he is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is thankful that Pastor Gary Dexter Miller will preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ at Antioch Baptist Church, and the members congratulate Pastor Miller and his congregation on his installation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Pastor Gary Dexter Miller upon the occasion of his installation as pastor at Antioch Baptist Church of Bowman and wish him God’s richest blessings as he ministers to his congregation and community in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor Gary Dexter Miller.

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