**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY, TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHURCH FOR ITS DEEP HERITAGE IN HARTSVILLE, AND TO COMMEND ITS LEADERSHIP AND CONGREGATION FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Mount Calvary Baptist Church as it celebrates this important milestone; and

Whereas, in 1897, Mount Calvary Baptist Church was established in a small log cabin and was originally known as Bush Harbor Baptist Church. The church’s original cabin was built on land and logs that were donated by a white farmer, J.G. Garland; and

Whereas, Reverend Daniel Waddell served as the church’s first pastor, and under his leadership, the Deacon Board and the church’s first choir were organized. The church’s first officers were A. Brown, C. Brown, C.D. Chestnut, L. Johnson, Cherry, H. Mark, and M. Wood; and

Whereas, in 1906, the church was rebuilt on the same site, and its name was changed to Mount Calvary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, over the years, Mount Calvary Baptist Church has been blessed with many dedicated pastors and deacons who have fostered the church’s growth. The church’s leaders have established a number of ministries and programs, including the Willing Workers, Senior Ushers Board, Trustee’s Board, Missionary Society, Deaconess Club, Pastor’s Aide Club, Hamilton’s Tent Society, Tears of Joy, Bulletin Board Committee, Baptist Training Union, Calendar Committee, Educational Committee, Carraway Nets, Magnificent, Carraway Singer’s and Flora Committee, Hospitality Committee, Timmons Ensemble, Carraway Angels, Nurse’s Club, Celestial Trio, Good Samaritans, Spring Revival Services, the Saturday morning hour P.U.S.H., Kitchen Committee, and many choirs, classes, youth programs, programs for men and women, and community outreach programs. Mount Calvary Baptist Church is also a part of the Darlington County Education Missionary Union and the Pee Dee Baptist Association; and

Whereas, the church’s physical structure and facilities have also undergone many changes, including the addition of Lunn’s Fellowship Hall and Educational Department; improvements to the church’s building, yard, and parking area; and improvements to and the addition of a number of amenities; and

Whereas, the church is currently thriving under the leadership of Reverend Edward J. Squire, who has served since 1999; and

Whereas, this year, the church will celebrate one hundred twenty‑one years with “Homecoming” and the theme, “All Roads Leads Home”; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the ministry of Mount Calvary Baptist Church and its service to the community of Hartsville and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Mount Calvary Baptist Church upon the occasion of its one hundred twenty-first anniversary, recognize and honor the church for its deep heritage in Hartsville, and commend its leadership and congregation for their many years of service to the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mount Calvary Baptist Church.

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