**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE DR. JOHN T. MCCOY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TWENTIETH YEAR SHARING THE GLORY OF GOD AT NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH IN ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MANY MORE HAPPY YEARS ENGAGING IN HIS CALLING.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate deem it fitting to pause in their deliberations to honor Dr. John T. McCoy for two decades spent sharing the Word of God with the congregation of Nazareth Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Dr. McCoy was born to Dr. James McCoy, Sr., and Mary F. McCoy in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is the fourth of nine children; and

Whereas, educated in the Charlotte‑Mecklenburg school system, Dr. McCoy has been diligent in his education, attending Winston‑Salem State University, J. W. Teamer School of Religion, Metrolina Seminary Extension, Shaw University School of Divinity, Liberty University, and Jacksonville Theological Seminary. He graduated from the Institute of Biblical Studies and Liberty University, where he graduated summa cum laude; and

Whereas, his extensive education has earned him multiple degrees, including a Bachelor of Theology degree, Bachelor of Divinity degree, Masters of Art in Religious Theology, Doctor of Theology, and Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Psychology; and

Whereas, Dr. McCoy served as the associate pastor for New St. John Baptist Church in Charlotte for six years before becoming the pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in McConnells, South Carolina; and

Whereas, he is an instructor for the Congress of Christian Education for the Palmetto State, as well as a professor of Religion and Psychology at Clinton College in Rock Hill; and

Whereas, a former dean of the Sandy River Baptist Association (Upper Division), Dr. McCoy now serves as the Moderator. Currently, Dr. McCoy is the Region Five Vice President of the Baptist Educational Missionary Convention South Carolina and the pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church, where he has been preaching the Word for the past twenty years; and

Whereas, under his leadership, the church has purchased one hundred seventy‑seven acres of land. He has overseen the church’s involvement in several community projects, such as the Pack the Lunch program for School District 3; and

Whereas, Dr. McCoy is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and

Whereas, the woman by his side through his walk to offer him light and strength is his beloved wife Machele McCoy; and

Whereas, Dr. McCoy lives his life by the motto, “The noblest thing that a man can do is his best,” striving to exhibit this in all aspects of his journey; and

Whereas, on June 8, 2019, Nazareth Baptist Church will host an event in honor of this milestone in Dr. McCoy’s career; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the legacy Dr. McCoy has created and wish him much continued success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and celebrate Dr. John T. McCoy on the occasion of his twentieth year sharing the glory of God at Nazareth Baptist Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and wish him many more happy years engaging in his calling.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. John T. McCoy.

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