**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY, TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHURCH FOR ITS DEEP HERITAGE IN THE ORANGEBURG COMMUNITY, AND TO COMMEND ITS LEADERSHIP AND CONGREGATION FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THIS COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Northside Baptist Church as it celebrates this important milestone on October 6, 2019, during Homecoming; and

Whereas, Northside Baptist Church traces its origins back to a revival meeting that took place in the spring of 1939. As an outgrowth of the revival meeting led by brothers Paul and Lee Pridgen, the church was originally organized under the name Tabernacle Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Reverend Lee Pridgen served as the church’s first pastor, and services were conducted in a wooden tabernacle on Russell Street and subsequently in the Carolina Theatre. In 1939, construction began on Amelia and Fairey Streets; and

Whereas, in 1951, the church purchased a new property on Columbia Road and Bennett Avenue. Construction began in 1957, and the church’s cornerstone was laid on June 9, 1957. Worship began in the new location in 1958; and

Whereas, Northside Baptist Church’s present-day sanctuary was erected later and dedicated on September 8, 1968. Today, Dr. Shane Stutzman serves as its pastor; and

Whereas, on its eightieth anniversary, Northside Baptist Church celebrates its rich history filled with God’s blessings and anticipates many more years to come; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the ministry of Northside Baptist Church and its service to the Orangeburg community 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 Northside Baptist Church upon the occasion of its eightieth anniversary, recognize and honor the church for its deep heritage in the Orangeburg community, and commend its leadership and congregation for their many years of service to this community.

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

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