**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE BISHOP WILLIAM ALPHONZA PRIOLEAU ON HIS EPISCOPAL ELEVATION AS THE JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA JURISDICTION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC. AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS CONGREGATION AND HIS COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Bishop William Alphonza Prioleau on his new role as Jurisdictional Prelate of the South Carolina Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ, Inc. His new role will be recognized in an Episcopal Celebration Service; and

Whereas, Bishop Prioleau received Jesus Christ as his personal savior at an early age and, even then, he knew God was calling him to special service. He accepted his call to the Gospel ministry in 1966 and was ordained in 1973. While living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he became a student and graduate of the American Bible College Extension Program; and

Whereas, as a servant leader, ministering to pastors, congregations, and his jurisdictional leadership, Bishop Prioleau has served the South Carolina Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in various capacities, including First Administrative Assistant for thirty-seven years, Chairman of Budget and Finance for nine years, Southeastern District Superintendent for twenty-six years, Pastor of Evening of Prayer Church of God in Christ for forty-six years, and multiple interim appointments in the leadership positions of Superintendent and Pastor. Under his leadership, Bishop Prioleau has led Evening of Prayer in becoming a ministry with multimillion‑dollar assets and initiating numerous social and mission programs to assist the community; and

Whereas, as a servant of the Lord, Bishop Prioleau serves with humility, love, patience, and unwavering commitment of obedience to the direction of the Holy Spirit. He is a man of prayer, the Word, vision, and purpose. He loves God and His prized creation, humanity, serving as a mentor, spiritual father, and influencer to those within and outside the Body of Christ. He is well respected in his community and known for his mission‑minded outreach, locally and globally, having a genuine care for the souls and well‑being of others; and

Whereas, Bishop Prioleau is married to Evangelist Ena M. Prioleau, and together they have four children, William Lamar (Portia), Ena Nicole (LaRenzo), Andrea, and Tabitha; and two grandchildren, Lauren Taylor and William Lamar, II, who have utilized their gifts and talents for the advancement of the Kingdom; and

Whereas, having a genuine concern for the greater good of the South Carolina Jurisdiction, Bishop Prioleau counts it an honor and even greater privilege to be able to serve as its Jurisdictional Prelate. His earnest desire is to continue to develop the Jurisdiction for Kingdom purpose and use by leading under the motivation of love and the guidance of prayer; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the ministry of Bishop Prioleau and his service to the South Carolina Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ, Inc. and to his community. Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Bishop William Alphonza Prioleau on his Episcopal Elevation as the Jurisdictional Prelate of the South Carolina Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ, Inc. and commend him for his many years of service to his congregation and his community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bishop William Alphonza Prioleau.

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