**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR BISHOP JOHNIE JAMES JOHNSON, JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, SOUTH CAROLINA JURISDICTION, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF GOSPEL MINISTRY, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina Senate honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to nurture the souls of men; and

Whereas, Bishop Johnie James Johnson, jurisdictional prelate of the Church of God in Christ, South Carolina Jurisdiction, stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the gospel, one much admired by all who know him; and

Whereas, on March 26, 2022, after thirty‑six years of steadfast Christian service, Bishop Johnson will begin his official retirement. On this special occasion, he will be honored by his own church family, friends, and many other congregations who have proudly come together to celebrate the service and sacrifice of this outstanding servant‑leader; and

Whereas, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, Bishop Johnson was installed as the jurisdictional prelate of the South Carolina Jurisdiction (SCJ) in 1985, and throughout this time he has fervently embraced the visions of each of the trailblazers who preceded him as leaders of this great jurisdiction for more than ninety years. He has continued to provide the strong leadership needed to help improve and enrich the SCJ family, assisting them to advance and grow to progressive heights. Under his guidance and God’s blessing, the jurisdiction acquired two hundred acres of land, built its own worship and administrative facilities, and created a burial place with access to all members; and

Whereas, this dynamic and humble man, having demonstrated excellence in his calling as a man of God, is most worthy of praise, and all who know him extend to him grateful thanks for his decades of faithful service; and

Whereas, the Senate, cognizant of his many years of spiritual nourishment of the people of this State, takes great pleasure in commending Bishop Johnson and in wishing him God’s best as he continues to run the race the Lord has set before him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor Bishop Johnie James Johnson, jurisdictional prelate of the Church of God in Christ, South Carolina Jurisdiction, for his many years of gospel ministry, congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement, and wish him God’s richest blessings as he continues to serve the Lord.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bishop Johnie James Johnson.

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