**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND RECOGNIZE TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PELZER ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED TWENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR A CENTURY AND A QUARTER OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, having been founded in 1897, Tabernacle Baptist Church of Pelzer is celebrating its historic one hundred twenty‑fifth anniversary in 2022; and

Whereas, led by its present pastor, the Reverend James Crawford, this Southern Baptist church offers Sunday School and Sunday morning worship services each Lord’s Day. Weekly, the church also holds Bible studies in its Wednesday evening services; and

Whereas, in addition to its regular services, Tabernacle Baptist has ministry opportunities for all ages, including Mission Friends, CAs (Children in Action), Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU), Men of Tabernacle, Engage Children’s Ministry, and Unleashed Youth Group; and

Whereas, in addition, the church actively seeks to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, as may be seen by its recent missions trip to Mississippi, which took place in June 2022; and

Whereas, to further bless its membership, as well as the broader community of Pelzer, Tabernacle holds community outreach programs such as its free Fourth of July celebration, which commemorates our national Independence Day with games, barbeque and fixings, fireworks, and neighborly fellowship. Also free to all, family movie nights on the front lawn delight attendees, and all are served popcorn and drinks; and

Whereas, to mark its milestone quasquicentennial anniversary, the church will set apart a special celebratory time on Sunday, August 28, 2022; and

Whereas, by God’s grace, Tabernacle Baptist’s congregation, having weathered the storms and triumphantly celebrated the victories the years have brought, continues to pass on a rich heritage of faith; and

Whereas, standing on the faith and strength of its early pastors and members, Tabernacle’s present congregation “press[es] toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14), preaching and teaching the Word of God; and

Whereas, Tabernacle Baptist Church has been a beacon of light and a community worship center in the Pelzer area for one hundred twenty‑five years, and, God willing, will continue its godly heritage for many more years of worship and service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate and recognize Tabernacle Baptist Church of Pelzer on the occasion of its historic one hundred twenty‑fifth anniversary and commend the church for a century and a quarter of service to God and the community.

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

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