**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE PASTOR JOHN OWEN BUTLER AND THE CONGREGATION OF LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH UPON THE OCCASION OF THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH AND TO WISH THEM MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED MINISTRY IN THE GOSPEL TO THEIR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Lebanon Presbyterian Church soon will commemorate its bicentennial anniversary with special messages and celebrations; and

Whereas, on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, June 10 and 11, the congregation will hold special Gospel services led by Dr. Nick Willborn, adjunct professor of church history at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. A watermelon bust will follow the service on Thursday evening and an ice cream social on Friday evening; and

Whereas, on Saturday morning, June 12, Dr. Willborn will present a lecture entitled “Presbyterianism in the Upstate in the 1820s,” which will be followed by the dedication of a burial site of enslaved persons, a luncheon, and a reunion hymn sing, including stories of Lebanon and prayers of thanksgiving; and

Whereas, Dr. Willborn will preach during the Sunday morning worship service on June 13, and dinner on the grounds will follow. He will close the anniversary celebrations with a sermon during the Sunday evening worship service; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives deeply appreciate the spiritual guidance that Lebanon Presbyterian Church has provided to so many citizens over the last two centuries, and the members look to hear of the church’s continued ministry for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution congratulate Pastor John Owen Butler and the congregation of Lebanon Presbyterian Church upon the occasion of the two hundredth anniversary of the church and wish them many years of continued ministry in the Gospel to their community and beyond.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor John Owen Butler.

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