**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE REVEREND DR. LEON GEORGE BROWN, PASTOR OF MONCKS CORNER BAPTIST CHURCH, FOR SEVENTY YEARS OF MEANINGFUL MINISTRY IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the members of Moncks Corner Baptist Church will celebrate more than four decades of Reverend Dr. Leon George Brown’s ministry as pastor of their congregation on June 20, 2021; and

Whereas, the tenth of thirteen children, Leon Brown accepted Christ at an early age and received his early education in the public schools of Berkeley County. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from Morris College; and

Whereas, after more than twenty‑six years of service at the Naval Weapons Station, he retired in 1994; and

Whereas, Reverend Brown served as pastor of Rock Hill Baptist Church for over thirty years before beginning his ministry at Moncks Corner Baptist Church on January 17, 1981; and

Whereas, dedicated to his denomination he has served as the moderator of the Antioch Baptist Association since 1985, and as the treasurer of the State Baptist E & M Convention from 2001 to 2005, and he has been a member of South Carolina Baptist Fellowship since 1986; the National Baptist Fellowship and National Baptist Convention, USA, since 1979; and on the Executive Board of State Baptist E & M Convention since 2005. He served on the Board of Trustees for Morris College from 1986 to 2005; and

Whereas, committed to his community, Reverend Brown served as a board member of the Callen‑Lacey Center from 1980 to 1995, head chaplain for the prison ministry in Moncks Corner, a member of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance since 1978, a Berkeley County Crisis Chaplain since 1994, president of the Progressive League from 1995 to 1998, and on the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board since 1993, and the Board of Commission for the Moncks Corner Democratic Precinct since 2008; and

Whereas, he is a member and past master of Jehovah Lodge #351 and a member of Jehovah Chapter #203, OES, in 1974; Consistory #320; and the African American Clergy Association Royal Arch Masonic in 1981; and he served on the United Supreme Council in 1976; and

Whereas, Reverend Brown is a life member of NAACP and has been a community activist for many years. He traveled to Africa for outreach ministry in Kenya in 1995; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, the former Lethia Beverly Cohen, he reared three fine sons: Leon G. Brown, Jr.; Reverend Aaron T. Brown; and Marlin Brown. His children have blessed him with the affection of three devoted grandchildren; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values Leon Brown’s years of dedicated ministry to so many citizens in the Lowcountry and beyond, and the members celebrate this momentous milestone with him and his congregation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Reverend Dr. Leon George Brown, Pastor of Moncks Corner Baptist Church, for seventy years of meaningful ministry in the Kingdom of God.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Dr. Leon George Brown.

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