**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. VERA M. DAVIS, PASTOR AND FOUNDER OF NAZARETH NEW APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN JESUS CHRIST, INC., IN HARTSVILLE, ON THE OCCASION OF HER FORTY‑EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AND TO WISH HER GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS SHE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

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

Whereas, Dr. Vera Mae Davis, pastor and founder of Nazareth New Apostolic Church in Jesus Christ, Inc., in Hartsville, stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the gospel, one much admired by colleagues, congregation, and area residents at large; and

Whereas, Dr. Davis was born the daughter of the late Thomas J. Covington and Mrs. Louise Covington and was the third daughter of five girls. A graduate of Butler High School in Hartsville, Dr. Davis attended the Church of God in Jesus Christ Bible School, where she received a bachelor’s degree in religion and a bachelor’s degree in theology. Later, she received a doctorate in divinity from M&T Theological Bible Institute in High Point, North Carolina; and

Whereas, at age ten, she was converted while attending the Mt. Tema Baptist Church in Lydia. At the age of thirteen, at Pentecostal Assembly #2 in Lydia, Dr. Davis received the Holy Ghost and was baptized in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Dr. Davis received her calling to preach at the age of fifteen and preached her first sermon at seventeen. She evangelized for thirteen years and founded the Nazareth Apostolic Church in Jesus Christ, Inc. After many years as pastor, she joined the connection of the Church of God in Jesus Christ Apostolic and later went on to establish her own organization, the New Apostolic Church In Jesus Christ, Inc.; and

Whereas, she has traveled extensively throughout the United States, the Caribbean, and Europe, spreading the Word of God. In addition, she journeyed to Africa to assist in establishing a mission in the township of Zimbabwe. Locally, she is heavily involved in charitable works and has received the Key to the City of Hartsville for her volunteer efforts throughout the city. Her greatest desire is that people everywhere be saved. She also desires to help young people find their purpose in life; and

Whereas, her present ministry includes several community services: the Hartsville Soup Kitchen and Nazareth Food Bank, which feed 100‑150 families per month; and Elohim Outreach Center, which offers one‑on‑one tutorial programs and counseling and mentoring for troubled adolescents, as well as in‑house service for children in need of help spiritually, physically, and mentally; and

Whereas, Dr. Davis was married to the late Deacon Charles H. Davis. They were blessed with six children, an adopted daughter, and thirteen grandchildren; and

Whereas, to honor Dr. Davis at this very special time in her life, her congregation will hold a special service on Sunday, August 1, 2021; and

Whereas, the House, cognizant of her many years of spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina, wishes to express its grateful thanks to Dr. Davis and wish her God’s best as she continues to run the race the Lord has set before her. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Dr. Vera M. Davis, pastor and founder of Nazareth New Apostolic Church in Jesus Christ, Inc., in Hartsville, on the occasion of her forty‑eighth anniversary of gospel ministry and wish her God’s richest blessings as she continues to serve the Lord.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Vera M. Davis.

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