**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE REVEREND CHARLES SINGLETON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO HONOR HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE AME CHURCH, THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, on July 17, 2021, the Reverend Charles Singleton will awaken to the celebration of a milestone event: his ninetieth birthday; and

Whereas, born to Edward and Annie Singleton, Charles Singleton came into this world on July 17, 1931; and

Whereas, having graduated from Laing High School in 1950, he began military service in the United States Air Force that same year. He completed his service in 1954; and

Whereas, in God’s good time, September 7, 1957, he married the lovely Jeanette Pinckney. The happy couple met in early elementary school and will celebrate sixty‑four years of wedded bliss this fall; and

Whereas, Charles Singleton was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and became a Mason in 1957. Two years later, he earned a bachelor’s degree in electricity/electronics from the Tuskegee Institute; and

Whereas, for many years, until 1993, he served as a teacher in the South Carolina public schools. During that time, in 1971, he was ordained a minister of the AME Church, after which he pastored nine AME churches before retiring from the pastorate in 2006; and

Whereas, in addition, during his years of teaching, he became a member of the Consistory and the Order of the Eastern Star. He furthered his education by earning a master’s degree in industrial education at South Carolina State University (1976) and a master’s degree in divinity at Cummins Theological Seminary (2003). Prior to that time, he had been presented with an honorary doctorate from the Cookley School of Religion (1995); and

Whereas, he became a member of the Royal Arch in the year he retired, and in 2014 he achieved the thirty‑third degree of Masonry; and

Whereas, since 2006, Reverend Singleton has been enjoying retirement with Jeanette while traveling to many destinations, including Canada, Alaska, and Israel; and

Whereas, with great pleasure, the House salutes Reverend Singleton’s contributions to the betterment of this State and nation and honors this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his ninetieth birthday. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Reverend Charles Singleton on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday and honor him for his many years of distinguished service to the AME Church, the United States military, and the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Charles Singleton.

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