**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE REVEREND DR. BENJAMIN D. SNODDY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH OF SPARTANBURG, TO COMMEND HIS MANY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY MINISTRY, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn of the retirement of Reverend Dr. Benjamin D. Snoddy, senior pastor of Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Spartanburg, on May 1, 2022, after forty‑six years of service to the church and more than fifty years of outstanding ministry; and

Whereas, a native son of Spartanburg County, Dr. Snoddy was the third of six children born to the late Deacon Cornell Snoddy, Sr., and the late Mrs. Geneva Snoddy. A graduate of Spartanburg County School District Five, he furthered his education by obtaining a Bachelor of Science from Claflin University, a Master of Divinity from Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center, and a Doctor of Divinity at the McCormick Theological Seminary; and

Whereas, a person of great faith from a young age, he was initially baptized at the New Trinity Baptist Church at the age of thirteen. He received his license in Gospel Ministry in 1965 and was ordained by the Spartanburg County Baptist Association in 1967. His first ministry was at Bushy Pond Baptist Church in 1974 and his second was at Tabernacle Baptist Church in 1975. In 1976, he found his home at Mount Moriah Baptist Church, where he has diligently led the congregation and preached the Gospel of the Lord for forty‑six years; and

Whereas, with a kind and giving heart, Dr. Snoddy has offered his services outside of the church and used his talents over the years to assist the people of South Carolina. He has served as the clinical chaplain for the South Carolina Department of Corrections and as an instructor for Morris College and Rutledge College. With a willingness to share his talents and acquired knowledge, he has served as a member of multiple boards at the national, state, and local level. He served on the board of directors of the National Baptist Convention; as assistant dean of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; as president of the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education; on the executive board as president of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina; as moderator of the Spartanburg County Baptist Association; and as dean of the Congress of Christian Education for the Spartanburg County Baptist Association. He has also served on the board of trustees for Benedict College and Morris College, and served on the board of directors for the Morehouse School of Religion’s Interdenominational Theological Center; and

Whereas, recognized by his peers and the people he has so gracefully led, Dr. Snoddy has been recognized with many awards for his service to the State and its people, including the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian award given by the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, grateful for his commitment and leadership to the people of South Carolina through his ministry and service, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in wishing Rev. Dr. Benjamin D. Snoddy all the best as he enters retirement and trusts that he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. 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. Benjamin D. Snoddy upon the occasion of his retirement as the senior pastor of Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Spartanburg, commend his many years of exemplary ministry, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Dr. Benjamin D. Snoddy.

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