**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BISHOP C. M. BAILEY AND THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW BAILEY BUMBLEBEES OF COLUMBIA AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR SIXTY‑FIVE YEARS OF TAKING GOSPEL MUSIC ACROSS THE NATION.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that the musicians of the New Bailey Bumblebees of Columbia, South Carolina, have provided ministry to so many within the United House of Prayer for All People and in their local community; and

Whereas, in 1957, under the leadership of Bishop C. M. Grace, the founder of the United House of Prayer for All People, a junior band was formulated in Winnsboro by Brother J. C. Young and Deacon Calvin C. Miller; and

Whereas, the Junior Band was first composed of talented young boys ages nine to fifteen who traveled with Bishop W. McCollough extensively for two years; and

Whereas, in 1962, the Junior Band, under the leadership of Bishop McCollough, was named the McCollough Bumblebees, and the members became well‑known nationwide; and

Whereas, the name and work of the Bumblebees among the United House of Prayer for All People, as well as in communities across the country, have continued for four generations under the leadership of Bishop S. C. Madison and its present leader Bishop C. M. Bailey; and

Whereas, for sixty years the gospel sounds of the Bumblebees have been delivered coast to coast in various locations of the United House of Prayer for All People nationwide and at festivals in Louisiana, Alabama, and South Carolina, including an appearance at the 50th Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, California; and

Whereas, for over thirty years, outreach programs of the Bumblebees have included the implementation of the “Save the Children” program and parades annually for the community; and

Whereas, in 2021, Bishop C. M. Bailey renamed the band to the New Bailey Bumblebees of Columbia, South Carolina. Under the leadership of the local pastor and chairman of the State of South Carolina, Apostle J. M. Wynn, the musicians of the Bumblebees have delivered outstanding musical ministry and service for the United House of Prayer for All People; and

Whereas, the New Bailey Bumblebees received the honor to be one of the top twenty‑five auxiliaries in the United House of Prayer organization, the Second Top Auxiliary in the State of South Carolina, and recognition as the top band in South Carolina for over forty years; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the pride and recognition that the musicians of the New Bailey Bumblebees of Columbia have brought to their houses of worship and to our State, and the members look forward to following their legacy in the 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, recognize and honor Bishop C. M. Bailey and the members of the New Bailey Bumblebees of Columbia and congratulate them for sixty‑five years of taking Gospel music across the nation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bishop C. M. Bailey and the New Bailey Bumblebees.

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