**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. VARDREY E. FLEMING, SR., FOUNDER AND PASTOR OF BETHEL BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY‑TWO YEARS OF EXEMPLARY MINISTRY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Dr. Vardrey E. Fleming, Sr., for his significant ministry to his congregation and to the West Greenville community as he begins a well‑deserved retirement; and

Whereas, born in Greenville, he attended Greenville County schools and earned a bachelor’s degree in biblical education from Carver Bible College of Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, Dr. Fleming attended Columbia Bible College, Dallas Theological Seminary, Clemson University, Greenville Technical College, and other institutions from which he received numerous certifications. He earned a Doctor of Divinity Degree from International Bible Institute and Seminary of Orlando, Florida; and

Whereas, in his early years, he drove a school bus for elementary children in West Greenville, a community so fraught with social ills that he never wanted to return. Years later, as God would have it, he moved his church of largely professional members right back into that community where he has tirelessly worked to improve social, economic, and educational issues; and

Whereas, in addition to his myriad duties as the founder and pastor of Bethel Bible Missionary Church for more than five decades, Dr. Fleming has served as a chaplain for the Greenville County Sheriff’s Office, as a consultant for Greenville Dreams, and as president of the West Greenville Neighborhood Association. He also has served the United Way and Surgeons for Sight.

Whereas, he has initiated and worked with a number of community service projects in Greenville; and

Whereas, Dr. Fleming is married to his beloved wife, Oleanthean (Odell), and he is the proud father of three fine sons, who have blessed him with the affection of seven adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of distinguished ministry to West Greenville, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Vardrey Fleming as he transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the leisurely pace of the days ahead, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. 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. Vardrey E. Fleming, Sr., founder

and pastor of Bethel Bible Missionary Church, upon the occasion of his retirement after fifty‑two years of exemplary ministry, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Vardrey E. Fleming, Sr.

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