**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE CONGREGATION AND PASTORAL STAFF OF CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH IN DARLINGTON COUNTY UPON THE OCCASION OF THE CHURCH’S TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED, MEANINGFUL MINISTRY IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, are pleased to learn that the members of Cornerstone Baptist Church will celebrate two decades of service to their God on October 23, 2022; and

Whereas, when Cornerstone Baptist Church was established on October 18, 2002, the congregation had one hundred eighty‑six members. They held their first public meeting on Sunday, December 1, 2002, on Warley Street in Florence with Paul Avant, Dr. Ed Behling, Dr. Bill Curtis, and Dick Powell as the founding pastors. Dr. Bill Curtis has served as the lead pastor; and

Whereas, in May of 2006, the church moved to its permanent location on Masters Way in Darlington with a ministry center of fifty‑three acres; and

Whereas, Cornerstone currently has 1,146 members and has made an international footprint of ministries, including community ministries in the Pee Dee and throughout the State, and it has started churches in multiple states and internationally. Cornerstone is the cofounder of Pillar Network for Church Planting; and

Whereas, the primary mission of Cornerstone is to magnify the glory of God by serving as a gathering place for people of all ethnic and socioeconomic groups, united in purpose around the person of Jesus Christ and the inerrant Word of God; and

Whereas, the vision of Cornerstone for the past twenty years has been focused around Sharing Christ and Sharing Life, and the church plans to do so until Jesus returns; and

Whereas, the Scripture passage that has defined Cornerstone is found in Ephesians 3:19‑20: “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen”; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the outstanding ministry of Cornerstone Baptist Church, and the members wish the congregation and ministers many more decades in worship to God and in service to their community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the congregation and pastoral staff of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Darlington County upon the occasion of the church’s twentieth anniversary and wish them continued, meaningful ministry in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Bill Curtis, lead pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church.

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