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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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A house RESOLUTION

TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE sevenTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE Greater Gethsemane Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, Inc., AND TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND the pastor AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE Darlington COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Greater Gethsemane Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ is celebrating its seventieth anniversary in 2023; and

Whereas, in 1953, under the leadership of the late Bishop Lloyd E. Swaringer, Sr., the church’s founder and general overseer, the church started on the Dargan Farm in Darlington County with services at the home of the late Deacon William Capers and the late Mother Charlotte Joe Capers; and

Whereas, when the Lord blessed the congregation with the land for the church, the sanctuary was built and opened on March 7, 1954, and it was chartered under the name The Apostolic Churches of Jesus Christ, Inc., and became the corporate headquarters in 1959; and

Whereas, the first name of the church had been The Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ. In the late 1970s, the name was changed to Gethsemane Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, and later, Bishop Swaringer changed the name of the church to Greater Gethsemane Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the church was located on Old Pocket Road in Darlington for more than forty-nine years. On Saturday, August 10, 2002, the new edifice was opened on East Old Marion Highway in Florence, and the congregation celebrated with a glorious grand opening and dedication service; and

Whereas, today the congregation continues to praise, honor, and glorify God for His faithfulness over the past seventy years. They honor the memory of their founder and of their cofounder, the late Mother Susanna Swaringer, as well as the many pioneers who blazed trails which they continue to follow; and

Whereas, the congregation is grateful to God for those saints who have grown up in the church and for those who have become a part of the ministry under the leadership of the current Senior Pastor, Bishop Kenneth James Swaringer, and the church’s First Lady, Mother-Elect Brenda B. Swaringer; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the many ministries of Greater Gethsemane and those who offer their spiritual energy and encouragement to fulfill the church’s mission, and the members extend warmest congratulations on the occasion of the church’s historic anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the joyous occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the Greater Gethsemane Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, Inc., and congratulate and commend the pastor and the congregation for their years of dedicated service to the Darlington community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Greater Gethsemane Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, Inc.

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