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A house RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION OF GOSPEL CHOIRS AND CHORUSES-ORANGEBURG UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives pause in their deliberations to recognize and celebrate the dedicated members of long‑standing religious organizations that have remained steadfast in their mission and service; and

Whereas, the members of National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses‑Orangeburg represent such an extraordinary group, deserving of special recognition and heartfelt commendation; and

Whereas, on June 29, 2025, at Saint Paul Baptist Church in Orangeburg, this esteemed choir will commemorate fifty years of spiritual influence, community service, and meaningful contributions to the ministry of sacred music in South Carolina and across the nation through gospel music; and

Whereas, this golden anniversary celebration will serve as a time for reflection on the choir’s rich history, gratitude for its present impact, and anticipation of continued purpose and growth; and

Whereas, this milestone also honors the remarkable leadership and unwavering dedication of the organization’s founder and organizer, Reverend Dr. Rosemary Smith Griffin, who has faithfully served for five decades; and

Whereas, originally known as the Orangeburg Gospel Choral Union, the group has endured through trials and triumphs, remaining committed to its sacred calling and ministry; and

Whereas, through its affiliation with the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses, founded by the late Reverend Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey and furthered by the work of the late Ms. Sallie Martin, widely recognized as the mother of gospel music, the Orangeburg chapter continues to advance the art and spirit of gospel music; and

Whereas, National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses‑Orangeburg furthers its mission through performances, training, educational programs, and community engagement; and

Whereas, under Dr. Griffin’s mentorship, numerous musicians have flourished, benefiting from workshops, concerts, and performance opportunities that foster spiritual and artistic growth; and

Whereas, the chapter proudly celebrates five recipients of national scholarships in various competitive categories, reflecting its commitment to excellence and education; and

Whereas, many of its members, lyricists, composers, and arrangers have published musical works, some of which have been performed and recorded by the national organization, further showcasing the chapter’s artistic contributions; and

Whereas, local churches have greatly benefited from the involvement of their members in the chapter, and the Orangeburg chapter has played a vital role in supporting the direction and development of the national organization by providing strong leadership at various levels; and

Whereas, despite challenges over the decades, the members of National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses‑Orangeburg have continued to fulfill their missions, knowing they are called to enhance and lead the music ministries of churches locally, regionally, nationally, and globally; and

Whereas, National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses‑Orangeburg stands as a beacon of faith, music, and service, an exemplary religious organization and catalyst for spiritual enrichment and positive transformation throughout our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate and honor the members of National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses‑Orangeburg upon the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses‑Orangeburg.

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