**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE REVEREND DR. ANTHONY A. MCCALLUM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TENTH ANNIVERSARY AS MINISTER OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH AT COLLEGE PLACE IN COLUMBIA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that the Reverend Dr. Anthony A. McCallum will be honored for a decade of service to Bethlehem Baptist Church at a celebration to be held the weekend of February 24‑26, 2012; and

Whereas, born in Lumberton, North Carolina, and reared in nearby Maxton, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCallum; and

Whereas, at an early age, he was an active member of Shallow Baptist Church and later joined the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Laurinburg, North Carolina; and

Whereas, he earned a degree in sociology at Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh, and in 1988 he completed a master of divinity degree from Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of twenty years, the former Angela Holland, the Reverend Dr. McCallum has reared two fine children, Tiffany and Anthony II; and

Whereas, in 2004 he graduated from Lake Charles Seminary in Lake Charles, Louisiana, with a doctor of ministry degree, and in 2008 he was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Newburgh Theological Seminary; and

Whereas, in 1993, he answered the call of God to serve as pastor of the St. Johns‑A‑Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina, where he initiated numerous ministries and promoted church growth; and

Whereas, in 2001, he was called to serve as pastor of the historic Morris Chapel Baptist Church in Greenwood, where he helped increase overall discipleship through developing leadership training and new membership orientation and orchestrating a professional concert featuring the Georgia Mass Choir; and

Whereas, the Reverend Dr. McCallum was elected as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in 2002 and continues there with a primary focus of manifesting Jesus as Lord through the development of discipleship by which the church has experienced substantial growth; and

Whereas, he established an annual retreat for couples and for singles, the Interdenominational Theological Center program, and local and foreign missions; and

Whereas, he serves the community as a member of the board of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind, the advisory board of the Youth First in Richland County, and the board of the Greater United Ministries; and

Whereas, among numerous accolades, the Reverend Dr. McCallum was named to Who’s Who of Religion and received the “Living Legacy” National Council of Negro Women, Inc., the 2007 awards for the South Carolina Council of Deliberation Vanguard Community Service and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Community Service; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the significant impact that the Reverend Dr. Anthony McCallum has had on the spiritual needs of his community and appreciates his decade of devotion to Bethlehem Baptist Church. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate the Reverend Dr. Anthony A. McCallum, on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as a minister of Bethlehem Baptist Church at College Place in Columbia.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Dr. Anthony A. McCallum.

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