**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF REVEREND EVERETTE CHANDLER, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Reverend Everette Chandler on December 5, 2016 at his home in Salley, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Reverend Everette Chandler, the son of the late Reverend James and Izolia Lowe Chandler, was born in Aiken County, South Carolina on March 20, 1939. He was the eighth of seventeen children; and

Whereas, Reverend Chandler joined Ocean Grove Baptist Church at an early age, where he served until he was called into the ministry. As a fourth generation preacher and pastor, he is counted among those that served the Lord with fervor and humility; and

Whereas, Reverend Chandler was called by the Lord to preach the gospel at the age of twenty-four. He preached his initial sermon, “The Greatest Name,” in May of 1964 and was ordained in 1965 by the order of the Cedar Branch Missionary Baptist Association. Reverend Chandler faithfully served as pastor at Cedar Branch Missionary Baptist Church of Windsor, South Carolina for twenty-four years and at Calidonia Missionary Baptist Church of Batesburg for forty-four years, until his retirement in February of 2016. Throughout the years, God also allowed him to pastor at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Swansea, Penn Creek Missionary Baptist Church of Saluda, and Reedy Branch Baptist Church of Ward; and

Whereas, Reverend Chandler served as Moderator of the Cedar Branch Union and later Cedar Branch Association for many years. He received many awards and accolades from various organizations for his accomplishments and service to his community; and

Whereas, in his pursuit of academic excellence, Reverend Chandler received a Certificate of Course Study in 1992 from the Ministers Alliance Association, sponsored by Morris College; and

Whereas, Reverend Chandler was united in holy matrimony to Mildred Dorothes Landy on December 20, 1964. They were blessed with three children, Reverend Lisa Montgomery, Deacon Everett K. (Shannon) Chandler, and Reverend Zanthia (Patrick) Hastings; and five grandchildren, Tierra, Aliyah, Joseph, Alyssa, and Patrick; and

Whereas, Reverend Chandler is preceded in death by one sister, Amanda Mason, and five brothers, James (Pee-Wee), Wesley, John Quincy, Roosevelt, and Raymond Chandler; and

Whereas, Reverend Chandler leaves to cherish his memory four sisters, Ida Mae Landy, Sadie Mae (Larry) Counts, Olia Chandler, and Dianne Chandler; six brothers, Branch (Hattie) Chandler, Reverend Douglas (Rose) Chandler, Randolph (Eliza) Chandler, Rosco (Diane) Chandler, Rudolph Chandler, and Reverend Robert L. (Deborah) Chandler; four in-laws, Katie M. Lashley, Luerine Green, James Landy, and Mary L. Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, and many friends. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Reverend Everette Chandler and extend their deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Reverend Everette Chandler.

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