**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. TRAVIEN L. CAPERS, PASTOR OF ZION BENEVOLENT BAPTIST CHURCH, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF MINISTRY TO THE CONGREGATION OF ZION BENEVOLENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Dr. Travien L. Capers has served the congregants of Zion Benevolent Baptist Church and the Hopkins community since 2010; and

Whereas, at the age of twenty‑nine when he was elected to serve as the tenth pastor of Zion Benevolent, Dr. Capers became the youngest pastor ever chosen to lead the church; and

Whereas, founded in 1870, Zion Benevolent grew in numbers rapidly. In 1871, the church listed sixty‑eight members, and by 1873, the church’s membership exceeded one hundred twenty members; and

Whereas, through almost a century and a half, Zion Benevolent has been faithful to its calling of fulfilling the Lord’s Great Commission; and

Whereas, since the election of Dr. Capers in March of 2010, the church’s spiritual mission has been strengthened in the ordination of three ministers and the licensing of one, and the ministry within the church has been bolstered with ordination of three deacons and the appointment of two trustees; and

Whereas, under the confident leadership of Dr. Capers, Zion Benevolent acquired a renewed vision for ministry in the twenty‑first century in the redevelopment of the church’s website and the development of the church logo, and the church gained eleemosynary status as a 501(c)(3) organization; and

Whereas, Dr. Capers led the church in starting and completing a three hundred thousand dollar renovation and expansion project completely debt free; and

Whereas, with deep commitment to the community, he spearheaded the homeless outreach initiative, implemented Friday night fellowship with youth, partnered with the NBA for Faith and Family Nights, and partnered with the American Red Cross for disaster relief during the flood of 2015; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives value the ministry of Dr. Capers to Zion Benevolent Baptist Church and congratulate him as he celebrates six years of remarkable service in the Hopkins community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Dr. Travien L. Capers, pastor of Zion Benevolent Baptist Church, upon the occasion of his sixth anniversary of ministry to the congregation of Zion Benevolent.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Travien L. Capers.

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