**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE REVEREND WILLIAM ALBERT SALLEY, PASTOR OF JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHARLESTON, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF GOSPEL MINISTRY, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to nurture the souls of men; and

Whereas, the Reverend William Albert Salley, pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church in Charleston, stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the Gospel, one much admired by colleagues, congregation, and area residents at large; and

Whereas, on January 22, 1940, William came into this world as the eldest of three boys born to William A. Salley and the Reverend Idelphia J. Salley; and

Whereas, having received his early education in the Charleston County schools and Frederick Douglass High School in Baltimore, Maryland, the young William completed his education at the Baptist College of Charleston (now Charleston Southern University) and Neilsen Electronic School; and

Whereas, over the years of his ministry, Dr. Salley has proven himself a visionary leader. He served as moderator of the Charleston County Baptist Association and was on the Morris College Board of Trustees. He served as chairman of the Late Night Worship Services of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., finance chairman of the South Carolina State Congress of Christian Education, and president of the Baptist Center. With all his accomplishments, however, Pastor Salley is most grateful for his relationship with Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, William Salley considers it one of the greatest achievements of his life that he was able to persuade the former Susan Frasier to be his bride. God blessed their union with nine fine children, who have given their parents the joy of twenty‑four grandchildren and three great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, soon, Dr. Salley will be retiring after thirty‑four years of faithful service as pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church. To recognize this man of God for his decades of Gospel ministry, Jerusalem Baptist will sponsor two celebratory events: The church will hold a retirement banquet in his honor on Friday, March 9, 2018, and on Sunday, March 11, 2018, the members will salute their beloved pastor, friend, and brother during the 11:30 am worship service; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, cognizant of his many years of spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina, takes great pleasure in expressing grateful thanks to Reverend Salley and in wishing him God’s best as he continues to run the race the Lord has set before him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the Reverend William Albert Salley, pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church in Charleston, for his many years of Gospel ministry, congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement, and wish him God’s richest blessings as he continues to serve the Lord.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend William Albert Salley.

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