**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT EXIT 216A IN CHARLESTON COUNTY ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 26 “REVEREND DR. WILLIE E. GIVENS, JR. INTERCHANGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERCHANGE CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Willie E. Givens, Jr., is a native of Charleston, South Carolina; and

Whereas, he earned an A.A. degree in General Education from Palmer College and a B.A. degree in Religion from Charleston Southern University, both located in Charleston, South Carolina, a Master of Theology degree from Southern Bible Seminary in Birmingham, Alabama, and a Doctor of Divinity degree from Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Dr. Givens was married to the late Miss Juanita Harrison and together they raised four children; and

Whereas, he was Vice President of the Charleston branch of the NAACP during the turbulent sixties. He is the Pastor Emeritus of First Missionary Baptist Church in Summerville, South Carolina, Past President of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina, past moderator of the Charleston County Baptist Association, and first Vice President of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., a trusted advisor to former Governor Carroll Campbell, and member of former Governor Jim Hodges’ transition team; and

Whereas, he is a former Chairman of the Morris College Board of Trustees, a former member of the Board of the National Bank of South Carolina, the Advisory Board of the First Steps State Educational Program, Benedict College Board of Trustees, the Board of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services and a member of the Board of Directors of Santee Cooper; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to recognize the tremendous impact this son of South Carolina has had on our State and nation by having a highway interchange named in his honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, request the Department of Transportation name the interchange located at Exit 216A in Charleston County along Interstate Highway 26 “Reverend Dr. Willie E. Givens, Jr. Interchange” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this interchange containing these words.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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