**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE WALHALLA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY, TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHURCH FOR ITS DEEP HERITAGE IN WALHALLA, AND TO COMMEND ITS LEADERSHIP AND CONGREGATION FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Walhalla First Baptist Church as it celebrates this important milestone on January 20, 2019; and

Whereas, Walhalla First Baptist Church was organized on December 26, 1868, in the same year that Oconee County was established. Its first building was built about one quarter of a mile from Main Street, and the original building was subsequently moved to its present location on Main Street to be closer to the center of town; and

Whereas, since that time, the church has seen many building additions and improvements, including the construction of a new auditorium; and

Whereas, Walhalla First Baptist Church attributes its present ministry to the dedication and sacrifice of the many faithful ministers and members who have made up the congregation over the years; and

Whereas, as the church celebrates one hundred fifty years of heritage, it strives to continue to meet the spiritual needs of those in the area; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate the ministry of Walhalla First Baptist Church and its service to the community of Walhalla and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Walhalla First Baptist Church upon the occasion of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary, recognize and honor the church for its deep heritage in Walhalla, and commend its leadership and congregation for their many years of service to the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Walhalla First Baptist Church.

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