**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE REVEREND DR. RODNEY C. LINDSAY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM CHARLESTON CALVARY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, TO COMMEND HIM FOR OVER THIRTY‑FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Reverend Dr. Rodney C. Lindsay has retired from his position as senior pastor after more than twenty years of service at Charleston Calvary Church of the Nazarene, and after thirty‑eight years of full‑time service in pastoral ministry; and

Whereas, feeling an indelible call to serve the Lord from a young age, Dr. Lindsay, accompanied by his mother, attended church, Sunday School, youth groups, camp meetings, revivals, and other services of faith. Guided by “Mama and Papa W. T. Stone”, the pastor of Bible Fellowship Church and his wife, Dr. Lindsay was encouraged to begin preaching at the age of seventeen by leading Sunday School classes and Vacation Bible School classes; and

Whereas, from there Dr. Lindsay’s education in ministry began locally with Reverend John Minsker, who led him through the Wesleyan Course of Study. Following his marriage to Deborah, together they moved to Kansas City in pursuit of Rodney’s dream of serving the Lord and he enrolled to attend Kansas City College and Bible School. Graduating from the program in 1981, he pursued further education at the behest of a friend, Ira Cox, and attended the Nazarene Theological Seminary. It was there that he discovered his home was the Church of the Nazarene; and

Whereas, after graduating from the Nazarene Theological Seminary with his Master of Divinity degree, Dr. Lindsay entered ministry full‑time. Through a long, and sometimes difficult thirty‑eight year career, he served many Nazarene churches including four churches in Indiana, a church in Florida; and then his final charge beginning in 1998, Charleston Calvary Church of the Nazarene; and

Whereas, in addition to his pastoral duties, Dr. Lindsay, earned his Doctorate of Ministry degree, and served in numerous other capacities. For more than twenty years he served as an instructor at Carolina School of Ministry, including several years as its chair, the Studies Committee chair, and as a member of the District Advisory Board. He also served as an adjunct professor at Southern Wesleyan University and was the secretary and treasurer of the Goose Creek Clergy Association; and

Whereas, a man for whom family is greatly important, retirement will give Dr. Lindsay more time to spend with his wife and the families of their three children. With more time to spend on new projects, there will be time to pursue new hobbies and travel together; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the consistent commitment and the tremendous leadership that Reverend Dr. Rodney C. Lindsay has bestowed on this great State throughout his long career in pastoral ministry and take great pleasure in wishing him all the best with any future endeavors he may choose to pursue. 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 congratulate Reverend Dr. Rodney C. Lindsay upon the occasion of his retirement from Charleston Calvary Church of the Nazarene, commend him for over thirty‑five years of dedicated service in pastoral ministry, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Dr. Rodney C. Lindsay.

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