**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STEPHEN FREDERICK MILLER, WORSHIP PASTOR OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN FOUNTAIN INN, UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY‑TWO YEARS OF OUTSTANDING MINISTRY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives has learned that Stephen Frederick Miller will begin a well‑deserved retirement after more than two decades as a worship pastor, the last of which have been as the respected and highly‑regarded worship pastor at First Baptist Church in Fountain Inn; and

Whereas, born on September 13, 1959, he is the son of the late Evelyn Meador Miller and Dr. Fred Miller, Jr., and he was reared on James Island where his father served as a Baptist pastor for over forty years; and

Whereas, in his loving family, Stephen was the youngest of three sons, with brothers Sammy Miller of Summerville and David Miller of Charleston. He was musically gifted at a young age on piano and cornet and served as James Island High School’s drum major; and

Whereas, in 1981, he earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Furman University and later earned a graduate degree in educational counseling from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Miller served more than fifteen years in professional development and counseling for the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, BellSouth Telecommunications, and The Management Center of Greenville Technical College to help others find fulfillment in their careers; and

Whereas, in 1999, he accepted a position as an interim worship leader while continuing to serve as a career counselor. When it became clear that God was calling him into full‑time worship ministry, he resigned his position as a counselor; and

Whereas, over the last twenty‑two years, Pastor Miller has served in full‑time ministry as a worship pastor in three churches in South Carolina: Edwards Road Baptist Church and Pendleton Street Baptist Church, both in Greenville, and most recently at First Baptist Church in Fountain Inn, working with choirs, orchestras, praise teams, praise bands, and children’s choirs and writing and orchestrating many special musical productions; and

Whereas, he has served on numerous boards and committees including the planning team of the Greenville Baptist Association, and he is an active member and past president of the South Carolina Baptist Singing Churchmen; and

Whereas, Pastor Miller plans to spend many happy hours of retirement in some of his favorite pursuits of kayaking, watching football, playing with his dog Dakota, and spending time with his girlfriend, Michelle, and his favorite little buddy, Grayson; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of gifted ministry to churches in the Upstate, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Stephen Miller as he transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the leisurely, pace of the days ahead, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. 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 Stephen Frederick Miller, Worship Pastor of First Baptist Church in Fountain Inn, upon his retirement after twenty‑two years of outstanding ministry, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Stephen Frederick Miller.

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