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A house RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE Ivory Torrey Thigpen OF Richland COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Representative Ivory Thigpen will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born on May 11, 1978, in Jackson, Mississippi, he is the son of Ivory Curtis and Carolyn Roberson Thigpen, and he earned a bachelor’s degree from Jackson State University in 2000, a master’s degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 2005, and a master’s degree in 2013 from Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, in 1998, Representative Thigpen was honored with inclusion in Beta Kappa Chi, the Scientific Honor Society, and Theta Phi, the Theological Honor Society in 2012; and

Whereas, in 2000, he served as the chapter strategist for the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity’s Delta Delta chapter. He was the chapter president of the Student American Black Chiropractic Association‑Palmer chapter in 2003 and on the Palmer College Ethics Board in 2004. He also served as a legislative representative for the Student American Chiropractic Association in 2004; and

Whereas, Representative Thigpen served as moderator for the Fairfield County Missionary Baptist and Educational Association in 2012 and on the executive board of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina in 2012. He served on the executive board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., in 2015; and

Whereas, devoted to the spiritual well‑being of his community, he served as a chaplain for Providence Hospitals in 2013 and for the Columbia Police Department in 2015; and

Whereas, together he and his beloved wife, Martia Creighton, are rearing four fine children: Uriaha, Ivana, Ivory III, and Ananias. When away from his duties in the House of Representatives, he is a pastor and a chiropractic physician; and

Whereas, Representative Thigpen has faithfully served the Richland County citizens of District 79 in the House of Representatives since 2017. Most recently during that time, he served on the Judiciary and the Rules committees, as well as serving as the twenty‑sixth chairman of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus; and

Whereas, in all of his service, he has provided serious consideration and wisdom to his colleagues concerning issues before the House; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the dedicated and impassioned service that Ivory Thigpen, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and they hope that he will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years ahead. 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 commend the Honorable Ivory Torrey Thigpen of Richland County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Ivory Torrey Thigpen.

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