**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE REVEREND HERBERT C. CRUMP, JR., OF ROCK HILL, FOUNDER AND SENIOR PASTOR OF FREEDOM TEMPLE MINISTRIES, INC., UPON HIS ELEVATION TO BISHOP IN THE MT. CALVARY HOLY CHURCH OF AMERICA ON APRIL 6, 2013, AND TO WISH HIM GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the South Carolina House of Representatives honors those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves to nurture the souls of men; and

Whereas, the Reverend Herbert C. Crump, Jr., of Rock Hill, founder and senior pastor of Freedom Temple Ministries, Inc., and newly consecrated bishop of the Mt. Calvary Holy Church of America, stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the Gospel, one much admired by clerical colleagues, laymen, and the wider community alike; and

Whereas, since the inception of Freedom Temple Ministries in 2000, Bishop Herbert C. Crump, Jr., has led his Rock Hill congregation from a membership roll of thirty‑eight to several thousand. In addition to his service as pastor, Bishop Crump previously served as the South Carolina state overseer for the Mt. Calvary Holy Church of America; and

Whereas, after a 2004 fire totally destroyed the facilities of Freedom Temple, God enabled the congregation to purchase what became the Freedom Center, with facilities for congregational meetings; sports activities; counseling, bookstore, administrative, and food services; and other meeting spaces; and

Whereas, Bishop Crump believes strongly in community involvement beyond the church walls. He presently serves as president of Freedom Montessori School and as a board member of Old Town Rock Association. In the past, he has served as President of the NAACP’s Rock Hill branch, auxiliary probation officer for the Department of Juvenile Justice, and member of the York County Minority Scholarship Foundation Committee. He was the first African‑American member of Kiwanis Club International of Rock Hill; and

Whereas, he has not gone unappreciated. Among his numerous awards are the Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award, NAACP Southeastern Region Benjamin L. Hooks Religious Leaders Award, and the prestigious Laney Award of Rock Hill; and

Whereas, because he is committed to excellence in every sphere of life, Bishop Crump returned to school to earn his associate’s degree in religious studies from Clinton Junior College and certification in nonprofit business management from Winthrop University. His life demonstrates God’s ability to transform a high school dropout, G.E.D. recipient, and former inmate into a powerful preacher and teacher who proclaims to the world, “He whom the Son sets free is free indeed”; and

Whereas, Bishop Crump considers it one of the greatest triumphs of his life that he was able to persuade Dawn Capers‑Crump to become his dear wife. They are the proud parents of two children, Joshua Armani and Jenesis Alayia; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives, cognizant of his many years of spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina, expresses its grateful thanks to Bishop Crump and wishes him God’s best as he continues to run the race the Lord has set before him. 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 the Reverend Herbert C. Crump, Jr., of Rock Hill, founder and senior pastor of Freedom Temple Ministries, Inc., upon the occasion of his elevation to bishop in the Mt. Calvary Holy Church of America on April 6, 2013, and wish him God’s richest blessings as he continues to serve the Lord.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bishop Herbert C. Crump, Jr.

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