**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF COIT STREET IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SUMTER STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH DARLINGTON STREET “REVEREND DR. WILLIAM EDWARD CHANEY WAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, born April 10, 1926, in Montevallo, Alabama, to Minnie Lee Owens, Reverend Dr. William Edward Chaney attended high school in Nashville, Tennessee; and

Whereas, he graduated from Morris College in Sumter with dual degrees ‑ a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Theology. At Miller University in Plainfield, New Jersey, he earned a Doctor of Divinity degree, and he received an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Friendship College in Rock Hill; and

Whereas, his more than fifty‑year career as a pastor includes church appointments at Mount Olive Baptist in Walterboro, Saint Mark Baptist in Bishopville, New Tabernacle Fourth Baptist in Charleston, Mount Rona Baptist in Effingham, New Ebenezer Baptist and Majority Missionary Baptist, both in Florence, Mount Clair Baptist in Lake City, and Antioch Baptist in North Hills, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Chaney has devoted his life and career to God and service and is a life member of the NAACP. He served on the executive board of the Baptist Education and Missionary Convention of South Carolina, was an instructor at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Charleston, was a director of Alumni Affairs at Morris College and served as director of that college’s School of Religion Extension in Marion. He was the recipient of the Christian Service Award in Jenkinstown, Pennsylvania, and was an honoree at the fourth annual Gala of the Crescent Temple number 148 and the Crescent Court number 143; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are proud to recognize Reverend Dr. William Edward Chaney for his service to God and community by naming a street portion in the City of Florence in his honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the portion of Coit Street in the City of Florence from its intersection with Sumter Street to its intersection with Darlington Street “Reverend Dr. William Edward Chaney Way” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway containing this designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Dr. William Edward Chaney.

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