**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DOROTHY LOUISE EVANS “DOT” ELLIOTT, ORGANIST OF PINEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, FOR SIXTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING MUSICAL AND SPIRITUAL SERVICE TO HER CHURCH.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to commend Dot Elliott for six decades of faithful service at Pinewood Baptist Church, raising songs of praise and worship to the Lord; and

Whereas, reared in the small town of Grandy, North Carolina, Dorothy Louise and her brother, Carlton Ray Evans, are the children of Orion Carlton Evans and Clara Madaline Bateman Evans; and

Whereas, Dot graduated from Griggs High School in Poplar Branch, North Carolina, and began playing the organ at her home church at the age of twelve, a versatile and talented organist and pianist; and

Whereas, when Dot finished Norfolk Business College in Virginia, she accepted her stepfather’s offer to get her an organ if she would live with them in West Virginia. Their home was near an Episcopal church whose minister heard her playing as he passed by one day. His church needed an organist, so he knocked on the door and offered her the job, and Dot became the organist at the Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, within six months of meeting her beloved husband, Dargan Elliott, at a cousin’s wedding, the couple was married, and she moved to South Carolina as a young bride. Shortly after arriving at their farm near Rimini, Mrs. Elliott became the organist at Pinewood Baptist Church in the summer of 1959, only two years after the church had purchased its first organ; and

Whereas, together in a home filled with music and hospitality, they reared three fine children, who have blessed their parents with the affection of eight grandchildren and three great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, while raising children and managing her home, Mrs. Elliott kept the books for their farm and other business ventures and served as a substitute teacher at Clarendon Hall in Summerton and as assistant postmistress at the Rimini post office until it closed; and

Whereas, a number of years ago, she became a real estate agent and also fulfilled her long‑time dream of baking and selling pies and cakes by special order, much to the delight of those who have been the beneficiaries of her delicious desserts; and

Whereas, Mrs. Elliott has continued to serve as organist for several pastors and with numerous music ministers, choir directors, and pianists, playing for countless worship services, revivals, choir rehearsals, Vacation Bible Schools, weddings, funerals, and other church functions with a clear calling of ministry and service; and

Whereas, although the choir has increased in size and the type of music, even the Bible school music, has changed, she works hard to prepare beautiful offertories and preludes on the organ, as well as worshipful congregational and choral music; and

Whereas, having grown up near the beaches at Kitty Hawk and Nags Head, North Carolina, Mrs. Elliott has always loved the beach, and even though the Elliotts enjoy relaxing now at their place at the beach, they return home for all church services; and

Whereas, serving in many other capacities, including assistant treasurer, assistant clerk, and Sunday school teacher, she has spent many rewarding years serving the church, always willing to do anything and everything for others with the heart of a servant; and

Whereas, a genuine and graceful lady with a clear understanding of the priorities in her calling, Mrs. Elliott has always known and lived as though her God, her “Mr. Honey” as she calls Dargan, her family, and her church come before anything else; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the sixty years of dedicated service that Dot Elliott has devoted to Pinewood Baptist Church and to generations of those who worship there. 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 Dorothy Louise Evans “Dot” Elliott, organist of Pinewood Baptist Church, for sixty years of outstanding musical and spiritual service to her church.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dorothy Louise Evans “Dot” Elliott.

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