**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR DR. JOHN T. MCCOY, PASTOR OF NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH IN ROCK HILL, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT NAZARETH BAPTIST 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 succor the souls of men; and

Whereas, Dr. John T. McCoy, pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church in Rock Hill, stands among their number as an outstanding minister of the Gospel, one much admired by colleagues, congregation, and area residents at large; and

Whereas, educated in the Charlotte‑Mecklenburg School System, Dr. McCoy attended Winston‑Salem State University, J.W. Teamer School of Religion, Metrolina Seminary Extension, Shaw University School of Divinity, Liberty University, and Jacksonville Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of the Institute of Biblical Studies, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia, where he graduated summa cum laude. He holds a bachelor’s degree in theology and a bachelor’s degree in divinity, a master’s degree in religious theology, a doctor of theology, and a doctor of philosophy in Christian psychology; and

Whereas, during earlier years of his ministry, Dr. McCoy served as associate pastor of New St. John Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, and as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in McConnells. He is an instructor for the Congress of Christian Education and for the State of South Carolina and is a professor of religion at Clinton College in Rock Hill. Formerly, he served as dean of the Sandy River Baptist Association (upper division), which he now serves as moderator; and

Whereas, for two decades, Dr. McCoy has served as the esteemed pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church in Rock Hill, and under his leadership the church has purchased one hundred seventy‑seven acres of land. In addition, the congregation is involved in the Pack the Lunch Program for School District 3 and other community endeavors. Further, Dr. McCoy presently serves as Region Five vice president of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention South Carolina and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and

Whereas, the son of Dr. James McCoy, Sr., and Mary F. McCoy, Dr. John McCoy considers it one of the greatest triumphs of his life that he was able to persuade the lovely Machele McCoy to become his wife. Dr. McCoy finds her strong support indispensable to his ministry; and

Whereas, to honor him at this very special time in his life, his colleagues, congregation, and other friends will gather to celebrate Dr. McCoy at a formal banquet on Saturday, June 8, 2019; and

Whereas, the House, cognizant of his many years of spiritual nourishment of the people of South Carolina, wishes to express its grateful thanks to Dr. McCoy and wish 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, honor Dr. John T. McCoy, pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church in Rock Hill, on the occasion of his twentieth anniversary of Gospel ministry at Nazareth Baptist 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 Dr. John T. McCoy.

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