**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LIFE AND WORK OF WILLIE A. TOMPKINS AND TO COMMEMORATE THE CELEBRATION AT BETHANY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON FEBRUARY 17, 2019.

Whereas, on February 17, 2019, Bethany Missionary Baptist Church in McCormick will hold a special day of celebration of the life and work of Willie A. Tompkins; and

Whereas, Willie Tompkins’ life can be summed up in three words: charity, excellence, and faithfulness. His shining example proves that with hard work and faith in the Lord, all things are possible; and

Whereas, in 1988, Mr. Tompkins, with his partner, Robert Bostick, opened Bostick‑Tompkins Funeral Home in Columbia. The untimely death of Mr. Bostick in 1992 allowed Mr. Tompkins to take sole ownership and further grow the business, as well as invest in other ventures, including W.A.T. Properties and a new funeral home in Sumter. Willie Tompkins’ business vision has supplied employment and needed community services for many; and

Whereas, although Mr. Tompkins is widely recognized for his success in business, he is just as well known for his philanthropic efforts. He has always supported charitable causes and Christian ministries and extended assistance to those in need; and

Whereas, grateful for his significant contributions to this great State, the South Carolina Senate takes great pleasure in saluting this outstanding son of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor the life and work of Willie A. Tompkins and commemorate the celebration at Bethany Missionary Baptist Church on February 17, 2019.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Willie A. Tompkins and Bethany Missionary Baptist Church.

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