**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE CAMBRIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NINETY SIX ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, having been founded in 1921, Cambridge United Methodist Church of Ninety Six is celebrating its historic one hundredth anniversary in 2021; and

Whereas, to mark its milestone centennial anniversary, the church will hold a special celebration on Sunday, October 3, 2021; and

Whereas, although the full history of Cambridge Church’s beginning is unknown, it is recognized that the congregation first met in a school building. Further, in 1921 the Methodists met in the Baptist church on Duke Street on Sunday evenings; and

Whereas, in 1929, three men met with Mr. James Self, owner of Greenwood Mills, to ask if he would help build a Methodist church. Mr. Self agreed and construction began. Completed in 1930 at a cost of thirty thousand dollars, the new building was dedicated on November 2, 1930, by Bishop Warren A. Chandler and given the name Cambridge Methodist Church; and

Whereas, under the leadership of the Reverend Leon Thompson, in May 1976 a building fund was created to construct an addition to the church, including a kitchen, fellowship hall, classrooms, and offices. Through this pastor’s leadership and vision and the faithfulness of God’s people, the addition was completed. All was done, and continues to be done, to the glory of God; and

Whereas, today, under the leadership of Pastor Hank Brooks, Cambridge United Methodist Church continues to fulfill its calling to minister to the people of the “Mill Village,” Ninety Six, and the surrounding area. Like her sister churches everywhere, Cambridge UMC has had to devise creative approaches to ministry, due to COVID‑19; and

Whereas, by God’s grace, having weathered the storms and triumphantly celebrated the victories the years have brought, Cambridge UMC also continues to pass on a vibrant heritage of faith; and

Whereas, standing on the shoulders of its early pastors and members, Cambridge United Methodist Church “press[es] toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14, KJV), continuing to preach and teach the Word of God; and

Whereas, Cambridge United Methodist Church has been a beacon of light and a community worship center in the Ninety Six area for one hundred years, and, God willing, will continue its godly heritage for many more years of worship and service. 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 Cambridge United Methodist Church of Ninety Six on the occasion of its historic one hundredth anniversary and commend the church for a century of service to God and the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Cambridge United Methodist Church.

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