

1           A RESOLUTION honoring George Smith on being named pastor emeritus of First  
2 Baptist Church in Leitchfield.

3           WHEREAS, George Smith served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Leitchfield  
4 from 1971 to 2000; and

5           WHEREAS, George Smith's nearly 30-year time as pastor earned him the  
6 distinction of having the longest tenure of any pastor in the church's history; and

7           WHEREAS, George Smith has dedicated his life to serving God and has been a  
8 pastor of a church for more than 65 of his 89 years on this Earth; and

9           WHEREAS, on January 28, 2024, George Smith was bestowed the title of pastor  
10 emeritus by Doug King, the present pastor of First Baptist Church with the congregation  
11 in exuberant approval; and

12           WHEREAS, George Smith's time at First Baptist Church was notably marked by a  
13 spectacular revival in 1978 where 122 persons were brought to Christ and 50 baptisms  
14 were performed during one Sunday evening alone; and

15           WHEREAS, George Smith's service at the church earned him the love and respect  
16 of the congregants, which survives to this day among the many who were members of  
17 First Baptist Church then and who remain members today;

18           NOW, THEREFORE,

19 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
20 ***Kentucky:***

21           ➔Section 1.    The Senate does hereby extend its most hale and hearty  
22 congratulations to George Smith having been named pastor emeritus of First Baptist  
23 Church in Leitchfield and acknowledges the lifetime service to God provided by him and  
24 his wife Carolyn and the manifold congregations which have benefitted from their labors  
25 of love.

26           ➔Section 2.    The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
27 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for presentation to George Smith.