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## Media Release

### **CDA administrator and Constituent District Board member honored with state resolution**

**Charleston, SC** – Charleston Development Academy's (CDA) Assistant Principal Rev. Dr. Holmes tries to live by the motto "it is nice to be important, but more important to be nice." That motto is the reason for his service to the community, especially in education.

Others have recognized Rev. Dr. Holmes' dedication to the Lowcountry as well. Late last month, the members of Holy Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church presented a resolution from the South Carolina House of Representatives (H.5541) for his 55th birthday and to show him appreciation and gratitude for his more than 30 years of community service and work in education.

The resolution was introduced by State Representative David Mack, who represents the residents in the Remley's Point Community of Mount Pleasant, along with several other Representatives.

Rev. Dr. Holmes was moved and humbled by the award presented to him. His wife of 29 years, Souvillia C. Rice Holmes, was there by his side along with his children and siblings. In addition to his church family, other family members, former students, and classmates attended the celebration.

The resolution notes that Rev. Dr. Holmes started his teaching career in 1987 as a third grade teacher and also was ordained in 1987 as an Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church by Bishop F.C. James and received his first pastor's appointment to pastor the Graniteville Circuit in Aiken and Graniteville, South Carolina in that same year.

"This has just motivated me to do more with the time I have been blessed with in this life," said Rev. Dr. Holmes. "I am thankful for the opportunity to serve my community in so many ways."

In addition to serving as the pastor of Holy Trinity AME Church in Mount Pleasant, Rev. Dr. Holmes serves on the St. Paul's Constituent District 23

Board of Trustees in Charleston County School District. He is also part the Charleston Alumni Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and volunteers with his fraternity on the local, state, and regional levels.

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#### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.