**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE 1960 GRADUATING CLASS OF JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 14‑16, 2010, AND TO COMMEND ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR COMMUNITIES, STATES, AND NATION.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate notes with pleasure that Jackson High School of Camden, South Carolina celebrates its Fiftieth Class Reunion with festivities from May 14‑16, 2010; and

Whereas, one member of this class is a distinguished member of the S.C. House of Representatives, Mr. William Clyburn; and

Whereas, in 1867, through the efforts of Rev. B.F. Whittmore, a small frame school for African‑Americans was built on the Southwest public square generally known as Jackson School grove. The structure was located between the corners of LaFayette Avenue and DeKalb Street, facing Campbell Street; and

Whereas, the school was replaced in 1893 when Jackson was taken into the graded school system. This two‑story frame building contained six classrooms and a wide hall which was sometimes used as a classroom. During this period the school only served classes through the seventh grade. The first known principal was the Rev. John Whitaker. He was followed by Professor Lourie who served until his death. At that time, Mr. P.B. Mdodana become principal and served until 1951; and

Whereas, construction of a new Jackson High School facing DeKalb Street began in 1923. This facility was opened in September 1924 at the tenth grade level; and

Whereas, Dr. J.P. Pickett, President of the Parents‑Teachers Assoc., led a fund drive which raised $2,500.00 dollars to secure seats for the auditorium and to make other improvements; and

Whereas, the eleventh grade was added in September 1925. In 1926, twenty young ladies were the first class to graduate from the four‑year program; and

Whereas, in 1936, a new two‑story brick building was built by the Progress Administration to replace the old wooden elementary school. A two‑story wing was added in 1946, and a one‑story cafeteria wing was added in 1957; and

Whereas, in 1954, a new building was built on Chestnut Ferry Road to house the high school students. The elementary school then occupied both buildings on Campbell Street; and

Whereas, in 1967, a new Jackson Junior High School was built on Chestnut Ferry Road. This school housed approximately eight hundred students drawn from Camden, Lugoff, and St. Matthews in grades seven, eight, and nine. In 1970, the last Jackson Schools were eliminated due to integration; and

Whereas, in recognition of half a century of achievement on part of Jackson High School’s Class of 1960, the members of the South Carolina Senate take great pleasure in saluting the class at this special time in their history. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate and honor the members of the 1960 graduating class of Jackson High School in Camden, South Carolina, on the occasion of their Golden Anniversary on May 14‑16, 2010, and to commend its members for their many accomplishments and contributions to their communities, states, and nation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the historian of Jackson High School to commemorate the Fiftieth Class Reunion of the Jackson High School Class of 1960.

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