**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE REVEREND DR. CHARLES B. JACKSON, SR., OF LEXINGTON COUNTY FOR FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED MINISTRY TO BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, TO HIS COMMUNITY, AND TO HIS CALLING AS A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that the Reverend Dr. Charles Jackson will be honored by his congregation for forty years of faithful service to them and to his community at a service to be held on February 27, 2011; and

Whereas, Dr. James S. Hall, Jr., from Philadelphia will deliver the message for the special event, “Celebrating Four Decades of Leadership, Loyalty and Love,” when Reverend Jackson is honored; and

Whereas, a native of West Columbia, Charles Jackson began preaching at the age of nine, was licensed at the age of ten, was ordained at twelve, was installed to the ministry at eighteen as pastor of his home church, the Brookland Baptist Church, and has humbly served there for the past forty years; and

Whereas, he attended Brookland Cayce High School, graduating with honors in 1970, and continued his studies at Benedict College, graduating magna cum laude in 1974 with a bachelor of science in mathematics; and

Whereas, earning a master of theology from Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, he completed his formal education, but honorary doctors of divinity were conferred on him by Morris College in 1985 and his alma mater, Benedict College, in 2007; and

Whereas, in 1999, Dr. Jackson led his congregation into a new sanctuary that seats two thousand three hundred people, and in 2005, Brookland completed a community‑resource center consisting of sixty‑eight thousand square feet and housing an academy child‑development center, a health and wellness center, and a banquet and conference center; and

Whereas, one of the fastest‑growing congregations in the State, Brookland Baptist Church has sixty‑five ministries, a full‑service Federal Credit Union, the Brookland Foundation, the Brookland Community Pediatric Center, and the Brookland‑West Columbia Community and Housing Development Corporation; and

Whereas, he has served his denomination as a former president of the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education and the Gethsemane Baptist Congress of Christian Education, and as the past moderator of the Gethsemane Baptist Association; and

Whereas, Dr. Jackson’s concern for his community has taken him well beyond the sanctuary walls. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., the NAACP, 100 Black Men of Greater Columbia, Inc., and Cayce‑West Columbia Rotary Club; and he serves on the board of governors for the Capital City Club, the board of directors of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, vice chairman of the board of Trustees for Morris College, the board of directors for Morehouse School of Religion, and the board of visitors for the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, numerous awards have recognized his indefatigable service, such as the Whitney M. Young, Jr., Service Award by the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor conferred by the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, the former Robin Hoefer, he reared two fine children: Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Jr., pastor of New Laurel Street Baptist Church in Columbia, and Candace, a graduate of Duke University School of Law and an associate of Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough, LLP; and they are blessed with four wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the legacy that the Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson is building in our State and congratulate him and his congregation for forty years of fruitful ministry. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr., of Lexington County for forty years of dedicated ministry to Brookland Baptist Church, to his community, and to his calling as a minister of the Gospel.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr.

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