**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BROTHER I. V. WHITE OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY FOR HIS SELFLESS SERVICE TO HIS GOD, TO THE MEMBERS OF HAIGLER STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST, AND TO THE CITIZENS OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY DURING A DISTINGUISHED MINISTERIAL CAREER SPANNING SIXTY YEARS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Brother I. V. White and his wife will be honored for his years of ministry and his life achievements at the 60th Diamond Jubilee Ministerial Anniversary and 88th Birthday Celebration in Tomorrow’s Youth Center at the Haigler Street Church of Christ on Saturday, February 3, 2018; and

Whereas, born in Buckhead, Georgia, on February 6, 1930, I.V. White is the son of the late George and Bennie Mae White, and is one of their ten children; and

Whereas, in 1947, he moved to Detroit, Michigan, and served with distinction in the United States military from 1951 to 1953; and

Whereas, in 1953, Mr. White married the late Ola Bertha Branch, and they were devoted to one another until her death in 1980. Together they reared four fine sons: Emanuel White, Gary White, George White, and Isaac White. In 1981, he married his beloved wife, Rebecca Mae Lyons, and together they reared two fine daughters, Endia White and the late Berniece White. He has been blessed with the love of fourteen grandchildren, and five great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, Brother White was baptized in 1957 and served as the assistant minister at the Ford Avenue Church of Christ and the Brooklyn and Kirby Church of Christ, both in Detroit; and

Whereas, with the encouragement of the Ford Avenue Church of Christ, he moved to Abbeville in 1959 to pastor the Haigler Street Church of Christ, and since then he has served humbly either as minister or elder, helping people in their earthly pilgrimage and preparing them for eternity with the Lord; and

Whereas, during the past sixty years, he helped to establish twelve other church congregations in South Carolina and Georgia, and

Whereas, Brother White has served the community tirelessly by securing grant money to head up voter‑registration drives to register African Americans in Abbeville County and in a leadership role for many years with the local NAACP. He founded and served as president of the Abbeville Progressive Civic League, which encouraged integration in the local workforce, and served on the Abbeville County Board of Education during integration in the early 1970s; and

Whereas, without resorting to protesting, Mr. White helped secure employment for many in various companies by negotiating with company executives, giving these people a better life; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate appreciates the strong sense of volunteerism and dedication that people like I. V. White exemplify, and the members are grateful that he continues to strive for the betterment of our citizens and agree with his slogan, “Thank God that after all these years, God is not through with me yet.” Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Brother I. V. White of Abbeville County for his selfless service to his God, to the members of Haigler Street Church of Christ, and to the citizens of Abbeville County during a distinguished ministerial career that has spanned sixty years.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Brother I. V. White.

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