**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE REVEREND DR. STANLEY R. LADSON, SR., OF HOPKINS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT RETIREMENT FROM THE FORT JACKSON PROPERTY BOOK OFFICE, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS THIRTY‑SEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING CIVIL SERVICE, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, after a thirty‑seven‑year civil service career, the Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr., recently stepped down from his position in the Fort Jackson Property Book Office to enjoy the fruits of his labor in retirement; and

Whereas, born in Hopkins to the Reverend James Ladson and Martha Sue Middleton Ladson, the young Stanley attended the public schools of Richland County and graduated from Lower Richland High School in 1981. He attended Morris College in Sumter and received honors from Central Carolina Christian University in Columbia; and

Whereas, during all of his nearly four decades of service at Fort Jackson, Reverend Ladson also served, and will continue to serve, as the founding pastor of Ladson’s Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Hopkins, where he led his church in constructing two buildings and had the pleasure of witnessing the entire process from groundbreaking to completion of construction to final payment of the mortgages; and

Whereas, a revivalist, community pastor, radio personality, and family man, Reverend Ladson believes strongly in active involvement with his community. He’s a radio personality every Sunday morning on 620 AM, the president of the Midlands Quartet Ministry and a gospel‑quartet promoter. Reverend Ladson visits adult‑care facilities and is active in a prison ministry, for which he holds a Get Smart program every year at the church. He serves in Mt. Olive Lodge 434, Mt. Olive Eastern Star 306, and CC Johnson Consistory; and

Whereas, with all this activity, Reverend Ladson has had to carve out time for his family. He has helped many parents by being a father figure to many children who have come to his home, and he and his wife have raised these children as if they were their own, teaching them to fear the Lord; and

Whereas, further, Reverend Ladson has conducted countless revivals as far north as Paterson, New Jersey, and as far south as Ft. Myers, Florida, as well as in almost every county in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Stanley Ladson and his wife, Dianne, are the proud parents of three children, Stanley, Jr., Sharita, and Stephen, and are the delighted grandparents of six; and

Whereas, in his retirement, this dedicated pastor plans to give his full attention to his family and the ministry of the church; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent excellence and commitment the Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr., has bestowed on this great State, the members of the South Carolina Senate wish him all the best and trust that as he enters retirement he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr., of Hopkins on the occasion of his recent retirement from the Fort Jackson Property Book Office, commend him for his thirty‑seven years of outstanding civil service, and offer best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr.

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