**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE AFRICAN‑AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT AND THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE’S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WHO HEROICALLY SERVED THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE FOLLOWING THE CIVIL WAR UNTIL THE EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Whereas, South Carolina’s history is filled with many contributions from its citizens of African‑American heritage from the time the earliest European explorers visited the American continent to the present day; and

Whereas, originally brought to this land as slaves, their contributions played an integral role in the state’s development as a center for economic, agricultural, and cultural advances in its early days; and

Whereas, in the aftermath of the Civil War, great progress was made in the fields of national, state, and local governments as former slaves and their descendents took their rightful seats in the highest offices of the state and federal governments; and

Whereas, during the period following the Civil War, the following men of African‑American heritage filled the chamber of the State’s House of Representatives:

Year Name County

1868 Richard M. Valentine Abbeville

1868‑69 William E. Johnston Sumter

Jonas W. Nash Kershaw

1868‑70 W. A. Bishop Greenville

John Boston Darlington

William Brodie Charleston

Stephen Brown Charleston

Barney Burton Chester

Edward J. Cain Orangeburg

Richard H. Cain Charleston

John A. Chestnut Kershaw

Wilson Cooke Greenville

Robert C. DeLarge Charleston

William A. Driffle Colleton

Robert B. Elliott

Barnwell/Edgefield/Aiken

Philllip E. Ezekiel Beaufort

John Gardner Edgefield

John G. Grant Marlboro

Eben Hayes Marion

James A. Henderson Newberry

Henry Jacobs Fairfield

Burrell James Sumter

D. J. J. Johnson Chesterfield

Henry Johnson Fairfield

Samuel Johnson Charleston

George H. Lee Charleston

Hutson J. Lomax Abbeville

Julius Mayer Barnwell

James P. Mays Orangeburg

William McKinlay Charleston

William J. McKinlay

Orangeburg/Charleston

William C. Morrison Beaufort

William Nelson Clarendon

Wade Perrin Laurens

Henry W. Purvis Lexington

Alonzo J. Ransier Charleston

Thomas Richardson Colleton

Alfred Rush Darlington

Thaddeus K. Sasportas Orangeburg

Robert F. Scott Williamsburg

Henry L. Shrewsburg Chesterfield

Robert Smalls Beaufort

James E. Smiling Sumter

Powell Smythe Clarendon

Charles M. Wilder Richland

John B. Wright Charleston

1868‑72 George W. Barber Fairfield

Lawrence Cain Edgefield

Simeon Farr Union

Aesop Goodson Richland

David Harris Edgefield

Charles D. Hayne Barnwell

James N. Hayne Barnwell

Barney Humphries Chester

William R. Jervay Charleston

Griffin C. Johnson Laurens

William H. Jones Georgetown

Jordan Lang Darlington

Harry McDaniels Laurens

JohnW. Meade York

Edward C. Mickey Charleston

Junius S. Mobley Union

Samuel Nuckles Union

Jeffrey Pendergrass Williamsburg

Sancho Saunders Chester

William Simons Richland

Abraham W. Smith Charleston

William James Whipper Beaufort

John H. White York

1868‑73 Benjamin A. Bosemon Charleston

1868‑74 Samuel J. Lee Edgefield/Aiken

Prince R. Rivers Edgefield/Aiken

Benjamin A. Thompson Marion

Samuel B. Thompson Richland

1868‑76 Joseph D. Boston Newberry

William M. Thomas Colleton

1869‑70 William Adamson Kershaw

1869‑74 James A. Bowley Georgetown

1869‑76 Warren W. Ramsey Sumter

1870‑71 James J. Hardy Charleston

John Wallace Orangeburg

1870‑72 Benjamin Byos

Berkeley/Orangeburg

James Davis Richland

William E. Elliott Charleston

Florian Henry Frost Williamsburg

William H. Gardner Sumter

Stephen Gary Kershaw

William C. Glover Charleston

Mitchell Goggins Abbeville

John Green Edgefield

Alfred Hart Darlington

Plato P. Hedges Charleston

John T. Henderson Newberry

Allen Hudson Lancaster

James L. Jamison Orangeburg

Joseph W. Lloyd Charleston

Aaron Logan Charleston

Thomas D. McDowell Georgetown

Syphax Milton Clarendon

Alfred M. Moore Fairfield

Asbury L. Singleton Sumter

J. P. Singleton Chesterfield

John W. Thomas Marlboro

1870‑74 Frank Adamson Kershaw

John B. Bascomb Beaufort

Richard Bryan Charleston

Everidge Cain Abbeville

Henry H. Ellison Abbeville

Adam P. Ford Charleston

Fortune Giles Williamsburg

Gloster H. Holland Aiken

Abraham P. Holmes Colleton

Sherman Smalls Colleton

Robert Tarlton Colleton

Jared D. Warley Clarendon

1870‑75 Samuel Greene Beaufort

William F. Myers Colleton

1870‑76 Thomas A. Davis Charleston

Hastings Gantt Beaufort

Richard H. Humbert Darlington

Samuel I. Keith Darlington

1872‑73 Robert Turner Charleston

1872‑74 Robert B. Artson Charleston

Abram Dannerly Orangeburg

John Dix Orangeburg

William H. Frazier Colleton

John T. Gilmore Richland

William A. Grant Charleston

Ishom Greenwood Newberry

Eben Hayes Marion

Allison W. Hough Kershaw

John W. Johnson Marion

John Lee Chester

Levi Lee Fairfield

John Lilley Chester

Thomas Martin Abbeville

Benjamin Middleton Barnwell

Isaac Miller Fairfield

M. Miller Fairfield

James Mills Laurens

Charles S. Minort Richland

Frederick Nix, Jr. Barnwell

Charles F. North Charleston

Edward Petty Charleston

Thomas Pressley Williamsburg

Isaac Prioleau Charleston

George A. Reed Beaufort

Henry Riley Orangeburg

Limus Simons Edgefield

Charles Sims Chester

Butler Spears Sumter

Nathaniel T. Spencer Charleston

Charles H. Sperry Georgetown

Caesar Sullivan Laurens

Julius C. Tingman Charleston

James Clement Wilson Sumter

Prince Young Chester

1872‑76 Jacob C. Allman Marion

Sampson S. Bridges Newberry

Augustus Collins Clarendon

Andrew W. Curtis Richland

David Graham Edgefield

Charles S. Green Georgetown

Thomas Hamilton Beaufort

Augustus Simkins Edgefield

Paris Simpkins Edgefield

Jackson A. Smith Darlington

John Vanderpool Charleston

Hannibal A. Wideman Abbeville

James M. Young Laurens

1872‑78 James F. Peterson Williamsburg

Samuel L. Duncan Orangeburg

1873‑76 Nelson Davies York

1874‑76 William J. Andrews Sumter

Samuel J. Bampfield Beaufort

E. M. Brayton Aiken

Mitchel Goggins Abbeville

Archie Weldon Edgefield

John Westberry Sumter

Ellison M. Weston Richland

Peter Bright Charleston

H. Z. Burchmeyer Charleston

Simon P. Coker Barnwell

Samuel B. Doiley Charleston

Robert B. Elliott

Barnwell/Edgefield/Aiken

Simeon Farrow Union

John M. Freeman, Jr. Charleston

Stephen Gary Kershaw

Ebenezer F. George Kershaw

John Gibson Fairfield

R. M. Harriett Georgetown

William A. Hayne Marion

James A. Henderson Newberry

A. H. Howard Marion

Allen Hudson Lancaster

Austin Jackson Barnwell

Paul W. Jefferson Aiken

A. H. Jones Charleston

Paul E. Jones Orangeburg

Syphax Milton Clarendon

Shadrack Morgan Orangeburg

Richard Nesbitt Charleston

William G. Pinckney Charleston

Thomas Richardson Colleton

Alfred Rush Darlington

William C. Scott Williamsburg

Aaron Simmons Orangeburg

Hercules Simmons Colleton

William Simons Richland

James A. Spencer Abbeville

Henry Steele York

Joseph Thompson Richland

Bruce H. Williams Georgetown

Smart Wright Charleston

1874‑77 Dublin Walker Chester

1874‑80 Thomas E. Miller Beaufort

1875‑76 Samuel Coleman Chester

Benjamin Simmons Beaufort

1876‑78 Christian Wesley Caldwell

Orangeburg

John Evans Williamsburg

Eugene Herriot Dibble Kershaw

Ellis Forrest Orangeburg

William Lowman Richland

Robert John Palmer Richland

James Wells Richland

Zachariah W. Wines Darlington

1878‑80 S. C. Eckhard Charleston

W. T. Elfe Charleston

B. G. Frederick Orangeburg

Hastings Gantt Beaufort

William Maree Colleton

T. E. Miller Beaufort

Rev. W. Smalls Charleston

Benjamin Simons Beaufort

J. W. Westberry Sumter

1880‑82 Paul B. Drayton Charleston

W. A. Driffle Colleton

Hastins Gantt Beaufort

George M. Mears Charleston

William Moultrie Georgetown

Joseph Parker Charleston

Joseph Alexander Owens

Barnwell

Joseph Robinson Beaufort

J. C. Rue Beaufort

1882‑84 W. W. Beckett Berkeley

Caesar P. Chisolm Colleton

B. G. Frederick Orangeburg

Hastings Gantt Beaufort

George Mears Charleston

L. S. Mills Beaufort

W. J. Moultrie Georgetown

W. G. Pinckney Berkeley

Cain Ravenel Berkeley

Joseph Robinson Beaufort

Andrew Singleton Berkeley

James Singleton Berkeley

1884‑86 J. A. Baxter Georgetown

George M. Mears Charleston

F. S. Mitchell Beaufort

W. H. Sheppard Beaufort

Aaron Simmons Orangeburg

Joseph Robinson Beaufort

1886‑88 J. A. Baxter Georgetown

Marshall Jones Orangeburg

George M. Mears Charleston

T. E. Miller Beaufort

J. C. Rice Beaufort

J. J. Washington Beaufort

1888‑90 J. A. Baxter Georgetown

George M. Mears Charleston

A. C. Reynolds Beaufort

Aaron Simmons Orangeburg

J. J. Washington Beaufort

1890‑92 R. B. Anderson Georgetown

T. R. Fields Beaufort

George M. Mears Charleston

Mark P. Richardson Berkeley

Thomas H. Wallace Berkeley

James Wigg Beaufort

1892‑94 R. B. Anderson Georgetown

M. C. Hamilton Beaufort

J. R. Rivers Beaufort

1894‑96 R. B. Anderson Georgetown

T. E. Miller Beaufort

1896‑98 R. B. Anderson Georgetown

1898‑1900 J. W. Bolts Georgetown

1900‑02 J. W. Bolts Georgetown; and

Whereas, during the period following the Civil War until the early twentieth century, these men of African‑American heritage served in our State’s Senate:

Name County

Henry E. Hayne Marion

Reverend William E. Johnston Sumter

William B. Nash Richland

William R. Hoyt and William F. Myers Colleton

Jonathan Jasper Wright Beaufort

Samuel Green Beaufort

Thomas E. Miller Beaufort

Thomas J. Reynolds Beaufort

Hamilton Robinson Beaufort

Robert Smalls Beaufort

Stephen A. Swails Williamsburg

Joseph H. Rainey Georgetown

Reverend Bruce H. Williams Chester

John Lea Chester

Dublin I. Walker Chester

Lucius Winbush Chester

George W. Barber Fairfield

Isreal R. Bird Fairfield

Sanders Ford Fairfield

Moses Martin Fairfield

Charles D. Hayne Aiken

Robert Simmons Berkeley

Reverend Jared D. Warley Clarendon

Henry Cardozo Kershaw

Frederick A. Clinton Lancaster

Hiram W. Duncan Union

Benjamin F. Randolph Orangeburg

Joseph A. Green Orangeburg

Samuel L. Duncan Orangeburg

James L. Jamison Orangeburg

Richard H. Cain Orangeburg

Lawrence Cain Edgefield; and

Whereas, the following men of African‑American heritage held statewide office following the Civil War: Francis Louis Cardozo served as Secretary of State from 1870 to 1872 and as State Treasurer from 1872 to 1877; and Henry E. Hayne served as Secretary of State from 1872 to 1874; and

Whereas, during this period Samuel T. Lee served as Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1872 to 1874, and Robert Brown Elliott served as Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1874 to 1877; and

Whereas, the State sent the following men to serve as members of the United States Congress: Joseph H. Rainey, (1869‑1879), Robert C. DeLarge, (1871‑1873), Robert Brown Elliott, (1871‑1875), Richard H. Cain, (1873‑1875 and 1877‑1879), Alonzo Ransier, (1873‑1875), Robert Smalls, (1875‑1879 and 1881‑1887), Thomas E. Miller, (1884‑1891), George W. Murray, (1893‑1897); and

Whereas, the Honorable Jonathan Jasper Wright served from 1870 to 1877 on the South Carolina Supreme Court; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Governor Alonzo Jacob Ransier served in that capacity from 1870 to 1872, and Lieutenant Governor Richard H. Gleaves held that office from 1872 to 1877; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper for the members of the South Carolina General Assembly to honor and recognize these sons of South Carolina for providing great leadership during a tumultuous period in the history of our nation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly by this resolution, honor and recognize the African‑American members of the South Carolina executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government and members of the State’s Congressional Delegation who heroically served this State following the Civil War until the early twentieth century.

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