**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE MEMBER AND SENATOR MCKINLEY WASHINGTON, JR., OF CHARLESTON COUNTY.

Whereas, born August 8, 1936, the Honorable McKinley Washington, Jr., is a highly respected former member of the South Carolina House of Representatives (1975‑1990, District 45, Allendale, Beaufort, Charleston, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper counties) and Senate (1991‑1999, District 116, Charleston County). A standout among his peers, he provided courageous and outstanding leadership during his tenure as chairman of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus and served as chairman of the Committee on Operations and Management of the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, McKinley Washington graduated from Eastern High School and matriculated at Johnson C. Smith University, where he received his bachelor of arts and bachelor of divinity, as well as a master of divinity from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. For his contributions to the State and his fellow men, he was awarded two honorary doctoral degrees; and

Whereas, this man of faith served as pastor of Edisto Presbyterian Church (USA) on Edisto Island, retiring in 2012. As a champion of religious and personal freedom for all people under the law, he founded the Edisto branch of the NAACP and the St. Paul Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, for which he also is a past president. Because he believes firmly in active participation in his community, he also has served on numerous other boards, commissions, and committees, including the South Carolina Employment Security Commission; and

Whereas, in all his labors, McKinley Washington has always found his strongest support in his family, his lovely wife, the former Beulah A. Jeffries, and the couple’s two children, daughter Katrina and son Michael. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the life and achievements of former South Carolina House member and Senator McKinley Washington, Jr., of Charleston County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable McKinley Washington, Jr.

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