**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE REVEREND ISAIAH ODOM UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS COUNTY COUNCILMAN, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FORTY-TWO YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO BAMBERG COUNTY AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Reverend Isaiah Odom upon the occasion of his retirement as county councilman; and

Whereas, a lifelong resident of Bamberg County, Reverend Odom is a retired pastor. He most recently served the Second Baptist Church of Barnwell for thirty-eight years; and

Whereas, a dedicated public servant, Reverend Odom has served as a Bamberg County Council member for forty-two years, making him the longest serving councilperson in the history of Bamberg County and one of the longest serving councilmembers in the State of South Carolina. He has also served as the council chairman five times; and

Whereas, a leader in his community, Reverend Odom represented Bamberg County on the Executive Committee of the Southern Carolina Alliance Board of Directors, represented Bamberg County on Governor Richard W. Riley’s Rural Development Commission, and served on the advisory board for the Security Federal Bank and the South Carolina Bank and Trust of Denmark. He has also been a member of the Bamberg Branch of the NAACP, Denmark/Bamberg Optimist Club, Denmark Branch of the American Legion, and Lower Country Ministerial Coalition, which he served as president for four years; and

Whereas, a man who is beloved and respected by his community, Reverend Odom has made a lasting, positive impact through his lifetime of service and contributions to Bamberg County; and

Whereas, the Senate is grateful for the passion, commitment, and dedication that this son of South Carolina has shown in serving the State and the people of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Reverend Isaiah Odom upon the occasion of his retirement as county councilman, commend him for his forty-two years of distinguished public service to Bamberg County and the State of South Carolina, and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Isaiah Odom.

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