**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DR. CHARLES B. JACKSON, SR. UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS CONGREGATION AND THE WEST COLUMBIA COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr. upon the occasion of his fiftieth pastoral anniversary on February 7, 2021; and

Whereas, a native of West Columbia, Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr. was born on July 16, 1952 to the late Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Ezella Rumph Jackson; and

Whereas, Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr. is an alumnus of Benedict College, where he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science; Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, where he graduated with honors with a Master of Divinity; Columbia International University, where he earned a Doctor of Divinity; and the University of South Carolina, where he earned a Doctor of Public Service. He also received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Morris College and Benedict College; and

Whereas, Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr. began preaching at the age of nine, was licensed at the age of ten, was ordained at the age of twelve, and became the pastor at Brookland Baptist Church at the age of eighteen; and

Whereas, under his leadership, Brookland Baptist Church has grown to include over sixty ministries, over one hundred ninety employees, a full‑service Federal Credit Union, the Brookland Foundation, the Brookland Center for Community Economic Change, the Brookland‑West Columbia Community Housing Development Corporation, the Brookland Community Pediatric Center with Eau Claire Cooperative, and Brookland‑Lakeview Empowerment Center, which was recently sealed as the first historically segregated African-American school to receive a state marker in Lexington County; and

Whereas, over the years, Dr. Jackson has led the church into a new sanctuary that seats 2,300 and into a 68,000 square foot Community Resource Center, consisting of an Academy Child Development Center, a Health and Wellness Center, and a Banquet and Conference Center. The church has also opened a second location in the northeast part of Columbia and completed a Christian Learning Center, which holds its Youth and Teen Center; and

Whereas, as a leader for his congregation and community, Dr. Jackson has mentored and trained eighteen sons, one daughter, and a total of seventy-seven ministers; and

Whereas, Dr. Jackson is married to Robin Hoefer Jackson and has two children and six grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the ministry of Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr. and his service to Brookland Baptist Church and the West Columbia community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr. upon the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary as pastor of Brookland Baptist Church and commend him for his many years of service to his congregation and the West Columbia community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr.

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