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A senate RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE Reverend A. L. Brackett ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ninetieth BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE years AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Reverend A. L. Brackett will celebrate this important milestone on April 19, 2025; and

Whereas, a native of Cowpens, Reverend Brackett was born to parents Johnny and Freelove Brackett. He received his early education in Spartanburg County Public Schools and went on to attend Benedict College in Columbia. He matriculated at Community College and the School of Religion at Abyssinia Baptist Church in New York, New York. He received his Bachelor of Ministry and Honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from Columbia Bible Institute in Columbia; and

Whereas, Reverend Brackett was licensed as a minister in June 1954 at the Island Creek Baptist Church in Cowpens. He has served as pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in New York, New York, Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Grambling, and Laurel Hill Baptist Church in Waterloo. He is currently the pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Gaffney, where he has served for fifty‑nine years, and the St. Paul Baptist Church in Union, where he has served for fifty years; and

Whereas, a civic leader, Reverend Brackett has served his community in many ways, including through leadership on Union County education committees, the board of the Union County Health Foundation, and the executive board of the Thickety Mountain Baptist Association. He served as a member of the Union/Laurens Commission for Higher Education for eleven years and was honored in 2012 for his contributions to the University of South Carolina‑Union; and

Whereas, over the years, Reverend Brackett has received a number of honors and awards, including his 2013 honor as an Annual Cornerstone Award recipient for his leadership contributions to Union County, his 2014 induction into the Cherokee County South Carolina Branch of the NAACP Hall of Fame, and his 2022 honor by Iris, Incorporated of Upstate SC as an Individual of Distinction. He has been recognized by the Oxford’s Who’s Who–the Elite Registry for Extraordinary Professionals; and

Whereas, Reverend Brackett was married to the late Jereleen Jefferies Brackett, and together they had three children, Karen Brackett Browning, Amouel B. Brackett Jr, and Reginald Brackett; and four grandchildren; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate takes great pleasure in honoring this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and is pleased to join with his family and friends in congratulating him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Reverend A. L. Brackett on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and much happiness in the years ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend A. L. Brackett.

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