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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SALUTING MR. L.B. MCBRIDE OF GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY.

WHEREAS, one hundred years ago began an amazing journey of the respected eldest member of a family and church. Mr. L.B. McBride, a lifelong resident of Greenwood, Mississippi, was born on May 5, 1912, on McCain Street in the Baptist Town Community. As a child, he learned the principles of work by following his father around as his father landscaped and mowed lawns for a living. At the age of 16 years, without much education, Mr. McBride began working on his first job at the Federal Compress on Avenue A for a wage of about Seven Cents an hour. Ten years later, he began working for J.S. Cook Transporting & Storage on Lamar Street, where he drove a truck to transport cotton to the gin and cottonseed to the oil mill. Later he began working for Tommy McGuire, who owned a business that bought and sold mules to farmers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBride began working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he was responsible for driving their riverbank workers to and from work. In 1945, Mr. McBride began a 43-year-long dual career as a wrecker driver for Delta Chevrolet, formerly located on George Street in downtown Greenwood, Mississippi, and an over-the-road truck driver for Rhodes Machinery. For Delta Chevrolet, he towed cars, and for Rhodes Machinery he hauled sawmills and their parts. It was also in 1945 that he joined the U.S. Army at their office on Fulton Street, across from the Leflore County Courthouse. In 1988, Mr. McBride

made a career change by becoming a custodian at the Kathleen Bankston Elementary School in Greenwood, Mississippi. He worked there for 15 years until his retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, during the 1940s, Mr. McBride began his Christian service after becoming a member of the Strangers' Home Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Matthews of Indianola, Mississippi. During the 1960s, he became a member of his current church home, the Jones Chapel #2 Missionary Baptist Church, where he began his duties as an Usher, and was appointed to the office of Jones Chapel #2 Usher Board Vice President, in which he still serves to this day; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Mr. McBride and his wife, Annie B. McBride, became members of the City Wide Usher Board in 1975. Within his first few months there, because of his eagerness and ability to march, Mr. McBride was appointed as the Grand March Leader of the City Wide Ushers; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Mrs. Annie B. McBride passed away, leaving Mr. McBride with three beautiful children, Linda, Bernard and Bridgette, who could carry on the ushering legacy. But even now, in his 100th year of life, Mr. McBride still leads the City Wide Ushers in the Grand March; and

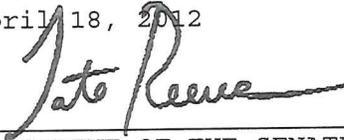
WHEREAS, Mr. McBride contributes his longevity to his faith in God and the fact that he remained active even after retirement. During his lifetime everyone who has had the honor of meeting him has been blessed by being in his presence and gaining the wisdom and knowledge that he offers. Mr. McBride was born when William Howard Taft was President of the United States of America and Edmond Noel was Governor of the State of Mississippi. Mr. McBride's life spanned the administration of 18 United States Presidents from Taft to Barack Obama; 36 United States Attorneys General; and 24 Mississippi Governors from Edmond Noel to Phil Bryant. This family icon witnessed many historic events during his lifetime, including the invention of the automobile by Henry

Ford, the Wright Brothers' first airplane flight and man's walk on the moon. We join his descendants and are indeed blessed to share life with him:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and salute Mr. L.B. McBride on the occasion of his 100th birthday, and extend our best wishes to him and his family on this auspicious event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Mr. McBride and his family, forwarded to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Greenwood, Mississippi, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
April 18, 2012



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
April 23, 2012



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES