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SENATE RESOLUTION

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF SHORTER COLLEGE PRESIDENT DR.
O. JEROME GREEN.

Subtitle

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PRESIDENT DR. O. JEROME GREEN.

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2024, Shorter College announced the unexpected passing of Dr. O. Jerome Green; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O. Jerome Green was born in Pell City, Alabama, in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O. Jerome Green received his Bachelor of Arts in English language and literature from Miles College in Fairfield, Alabama, his Master of Arts in journalism at the Ohio State University, and his Juris Doctor at the William H. Bowen School of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O. Jerome Green practiced law in Little Rock before joining Miles College as an associate professor of communications and director of government relations in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O. Jerome Green became the forty-fifth (45th) president of Shorter College, a private, faith-based, historically Black two (2) year college in North Little Rock, in 2012; and



WHEREAS, Dr. O. Jerome Green attended Jackson Theological Seminary in North Little Rock and was a pastor of Connor Chapel AME Churches; and

WHEREAS, Shorter College school officials noted that under Dr. O. Jerome Green's leadership:

- (1) Shorter College's enrollment and graduation numbers broke records;
- (2) Several new academic programs were established at Shorter College;
- (3) Shorter College established its STEM Center for Academic Excellence;
- (5) Intercollegiate sports returned to Shorter College; and
- (6) Shorter College received full re-accreditation by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Dr. O. Jerome Green was named among Arkansas Life magazine's list of Arkansans of the YEAR for innovation in education; and

WHEREAS, in February 2024, the HBCU Campaign Fund named Dr. O. Jerome Green one (1) of the Ten (10) Most Dominant HBCU Leaders Award and Class of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O. Jerome Green was a former member of the Arkansas Ethics Commission and the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O. Jerome Green was married to Linda Haynie Green, M.D, and father of three (3) children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O. Jerome Green was an important figure in faith and scholarship for the central Arkansas community,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate express sincere condolences to the family of Dr. O.

Jerome Green and commend his outstanding contributions to education in the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the family of Dr. O. Jerome Green by the Secretary of the Senate.