

By: Representative McGruder

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE FORMER REPRESENTATIVE BEN MCGEE FOR HIS  
SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO THE STATE OF  
ARKANSAS.

### Subtitle

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AND TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Ben McGee of Marion is a former state representative who represented the thirty-fifth district in Arkansas, which includes portions of Crittenden County and Cross County in the Arkansas Delta, from 1988 until 1998; and

WHEREAS, former Representative McGee was the first African American since Reconstruction to represent this district, which is today represented by Representative Jessie McGruder; and

WHEREAS, former Representative McGee was also the first African American elected to the school board of the Marion School District; and

WHEREAS, former Representative McGee was also the first African American Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University; and

WHEREAS, former Representative McGee showed great courage as a pioneer during the Civil Rights Movement; and



WHEREAS, former Representative McGee and his wife, Rose, have two (2) sons and two (2) daughters, three (3) of whom are doctors,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize former Representative Ben McGee for his service to his community and to the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Ben McGee by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.