

By: Senator J. Scott

SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

TO REMEMBER PASTOR ROBERT J. JENKINS FOR HIS GOOD
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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Pastor Robert John Jenkins passed away on February 18, 2025,
at the age of eighty-six; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jenkins was born on November 25, 1938, in Brooklyn, New
York, to Edward Smith and Theresa Jenkins Smith; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jenkins graduated from Boys High School in Brooklyn,
New York, and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jenkins earned a degree of Honorary Doctorate of Humane
Letters from Arkansas Baptist College; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jenkins married Jewel Sanders Jenkins on December 1,
1959; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Pastor Jenkins became a member of the Morning Star
Missionary Baptist Church in North Little Rock, Arkansas, under the
leadership of Pastor Levern Swain; and



WHEREAS, in 1976, Pastor Jenkins became the pastor of the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church and served faithfully in that role for forty-eight (48) years, until his death; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jenkins was President of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Arkansas, President of the Argenta District Congress, Financial Secretary and Host of the National Baptist Convention of America, board member of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of America, and board member of the National and Southern Baptist Cooperative Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jenkins will always be a pillar in the Prince Hall Masonic Family, Jurisdiction of Arkansas, and with over sixty (60) years of dedicated service, he obtained the highest degree in Freemasonry of Grand Inspector General, 33rd Degree; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jenkins was the Senior Grand Chaplain of MWPHGL of Arkansas, Past Master of H.J. Evans, Senior Lodge #8 of Jacksonville, Charter Member of W.P. Brown Chapter #142 of North Little Rock, Charter Member of E.J. Jackson Commandery #8 of North Little Rock, Charter Member of George Myles Council #2 of North Little Rock, and Member of J.L.H. Consistory #76 of Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jenkins became interested in golf at a later age and became a member of the Pro-Duffers of Little Rock in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jenkins was preceded in death by his parents and two (2) sons, Heath Edward Jenkins and Robert Sean Jenkins, and Pastor Jenkins leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife of sixty-five (65) years, Jewel Jenkins, daughters Joani Jackson, Sabrina Hayes, and Andra Nichole Jenkins, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate remember Pastor Robert J. Jenkins for his good works and devoted service in his community and the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Pastor Robert J. Jenkins by the Secretary of the Senate.