

Senate Resolution 14EX

By: Senators James of the 28th, Davenport of the 17th, Mangham of the 55th, Rhett of the 33rd and Jones II of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Robert Lee Abrams; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Robert Lee Abrams devoted his life to faith, service, civil rights,
3 voting rights advocacy, education, and community empowerment; and
- 4 WHEREAS, as a young man in Mississippi, he courageously participated in efforts to
5 register Black voters and support desegregation, demonstrating an unwavering commitment
6 to justice and equality; and
- 7 WHEREAS, throughout his ministry in the United Methodist Church, Reverend Abrams
8 provided spiritual guidance, pastoral care, mentorship and leadership to countless individuals
9 and families; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly to encourage civic engagement, voter participation,
11 educational achievement, and community responsibility; and
- 12 WHEREAS, together with his wife, Reverend Carolyn Abrams, he raised seven children with
13 a strong foundation of faith, service, leadership, and dedication to improving the lives of
14 others; and

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15 WHEREAS, Reverend Abrams inspired generations through community outreach, youth
16 mentoring, volunteer service, advocacy for social justice, and support for underserved
17 populations; and

18 WHEREAS, his life reflected the principle that every individual has a responsibility to
19 contribute to the betterment of society, regardless of circumstance; and

20 WHEREAS, his enduring legacy continues through the countless lives he touched, the
21 communities he strengthened, and leaders inspired.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Robert Lee Abrams, whose service,
24 leadership, faith, and advocacy stand as a testament to the power of courage, compassion,
25 integrity, and unwavering commitment to justice for all people.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
28 Reverend Robert Lee Abrams.