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Document has been reformatted to meet World Wide Web specifications.) A senate
RESOLUTION to recognize and commend former senator Robert Ford for decades of service to the citizens
of Charleston County and the State of South Carolina.

Whereas, Robert Ford was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 26, 1948, to parents who were
leaders in the African American community;

and Whereas, he attended Wayne State University and Grambling State University.

Deeply involved in the Civil Rights movement, he served on the staff of the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference from 1966 to 1972 and worked for Martin Luther King Jr.

as a member of an advance team of the 1968 Poor People's Campaign;

and Whereas, Senator Ford was elected to serve on the Charleston City Council, where he served from
1974 to 1992.

He was elected to serve in the South Carolina Senate on November 3, 1992, taking office in 1993 and
serving until May 2013.

In the Senate, he served on various committees during his tenure:

Banking and Insurance;

Corrections and Penology;

General;

Invitations;

Judiciary;

and Labor, Commerce and Industry.

He was the ranking Democrat on several committees;

and Whereas, a member of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, Senator Ford led the initiative
to have the Confederate flag removed from the South Carolina State House, the last state capitol to
display a Confederate battle flag.

Following years of debate, the flag was moved to a nearby monument with the adoption of a compromise
bill authored by Ford;

and Whereas, he was instrumental in securing an African American History Monument on the State House
grounds, and he was responsible for the passage of a 1998 act that paired Martin Luther King Jr.

Day with Confederate Memorial Day as paid holidays with the hope that the legislation would improve race
relations in South Carolina;

and Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the years of service that
Robert Ford provided to the citizens of Charleston County and the State of South Carolina.

Now, therefore, Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend former Senator
Robert Ford for decades of service to the citizens of Charleston County and the State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to former Senator Robert Ford.

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