

SENATE SRes167

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

RESOLUTIONS CONGRATULATING MATTHEW JEFFERSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY.

WHEREAS, MATTHEW JEFFERSON CELEBRATED HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 16, 2024; AND

WHEREAS, MATTHEW SERVED AS THE FIRST BLACK MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN THE CITY OF NEWTON, SERVING FOR 20 YEARS BEGINNING IN 1969, INCLUDING AS PRESIDENT FOR 6 YEARS, AND WHILE ON THE BOARD, HE INITIATED THE UNANIMOUS HOME RULE PETITION TO DIVEST NEWTON'S PENSION FUND FROM SOUTH AFRICAN INVESTMENTS IN 1986 AND ESTABLISHED THE NEWTON FAIR HOUSING POLICY; AND

WHEREAS, MATTHEW DEMONSTRATED A COMMITMENT TO HIS COMMUNITY BY SERVING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE MYRTLE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR SEVERAL YEARS NEWTON WELLESLEY HOSPITAL, WHERE HE SERVED AS TRUSTEE, AND ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY; AND

WHEREAS, MATTHEW FOSTERED A DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEWTON COMMUNITY AND DISPLAYED A DEEP COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE, WORKING TO UPLIFT BLACK CITIZENS, COMBAT HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AND PREJUDICE, AS WELL AS ADDRESS A LACK OF EDUCATIONAL PARITY; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE HEREBY CONGRATULATES MATTHEW JEFFERSON ON HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND FURTHER EXTENDS TO HIM ITS SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO MATTHEW JEFFERSON.

SUBMITTED BY:

SENATOR CREEM

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