



# MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## RESOLUTION OF THE MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HONORING MS SARAH BELL BENNETT ON HER 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2024, surrounded by a host of family, friends and well-wishers, Ms. Sarah Bell (Hart) Bennett, born on November 2, 1924, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at an honored ceremony held in Madison, Mississippi; and:

WHEREAS, Ms. Bennett, who has spent her entire life as a resident of Madison County, Mississippi, was married for 63 years to Mr. Jessie Bennett, producing 10 children, all of whom are alive today; and is grandmother to 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-1950's Ms. Bennett and her husband bought the land on which they both had worked as sharecroppers, creating a legacy asset on which the Bennett family resides today; and

WHEREAS, as an ardent advocate of education, Ms. Bennett, insisted that each of her children receive an education, and in so believing, became the first teacher to each of her children, instructing each of them to read and write before they started their formal education. Because of her academic talents, despite only completing the 11<sup>th</sup> grade herself, when entering school, the Bennett children were praised for having a high level of academic skills, all them going on to attend college, with most earning a bachelor's degree, or higher; and

WHEREAS, further demonstrating her care and concern for the children of Madison County, Ms. Bennett registered her home as a designated bus stop and turn-around for the Madison County Schools' providing a convenient and safe place for the children of Madison County, helping to enable them to grow and learn; and

WHEREAS, Ms Bennett has further distinguished herself through her civic participation, having voted in every election since 1964, and is a faithful and active member of the Liberal Trinity Church of God (COGIC) in Jackson, Mississippi. where she has earned awards and various honors as "Mother of the Year" and serving as President of the Church's Prayer and Bible Band for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms Bennett, reflecting on the significance of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, said: "I give God all of the honor and praise for blessing me to live 100 years on this earth. People ask me all the time what the key

to longevity is. My answer is honoring your parents, treating people right, taking care of yourself, praying to God, praising God, and attending church. To God be the Glory for the things He has done in my life.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors celebrates, honors and commends Ms. Sarah Bell Bennett, a life-long citizen of Madison County, Mississippi, on this her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and wishes her well as she continues to enjoy a healthy, active and productive life in Madison County.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution, after its due approval and passage by the Madison County Board of Supervisors, and signature by the board president, be presented to Ms. Sarah Bell Bennett and her family, as evidence of the respect and high regard in which she is held by the citizens of Madison County.

BE IT APPROVED by vote of the Madison County Board of Supervisors, on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

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Gerald Steen, President