

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Noble James Edens, the 74th Illustrious Potentate of Abu Bekr Temple No. 91, upon the occasion of the Potentate's Ball on April 5, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those esteemed individuals and organizations who exemplify the highest standards of leadership, service, and commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Noble James Edens, the 74th Illustrious Potentate of Abu Bekr Temple No. 91, upon the occasion of the Potentate's Ball on Saturday, April 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Abu Bekr Temple No. 91, an esteemed body of Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine (A.E.A.O.N.M.S.), has long served as a beacon of service, fellowship, and unity, upholding the principles of philanthropy, brotherhood, and dedication to the advancement of the community; and

WHEREAS, Noble James Edens, through his dynamic leadership as the 74th Illustrious Potentate of Abu Bekr Temple No. 91, has demonstrated a tireless commitment to promoting these principles, fostering growth and excellence within the Temple while championing initiatives which uplift the underserved and inspire positive change; and

WHEREAS, Under Noble James Edens' stewardship, Abu Bekr Temple No. 91 has continued to advance its mission of community service through charitable endeavors, scholarship programs, and outreach efforts, embodying the motto "Fun, Fellowship, and Philanthropy"; and

WHEREAS, Noble James Edens has led by example, embodying the values of integrity, humility, and dedication and inspiring his fellow Nobles and community members to join in building a stronger and more unified society; and

WHEREAS, The Potentate's Ball is a time-honored tradition within Abu Bekr Temple No. 91, providing an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and leadership of the Illustrious Potentate and to reflect upon the Temple's enduring impact and continued commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, The success of Abu Bekr Temple No. 91 is inextricably linked to the vision and dedication of its leaders, including Noble James Edens, whose service and contributions have left an indelible mark on the Temple and its community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Noble James Edens, the 74th Illustrious Potentate of Abu Bekr

Temple No. 91, upon the occasion of the Potentate's Ball on April 5, 2025, and to commend him for his unwavering dedication to excellence, service, and the betterment of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Noble James Edens, the 74th Illustrious Potentate of Abu Bekr Temple No. 91.