

Proclamation



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY
CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH

HONORING DR. JAMES C. "JIM" MEZICK

WHEREAS, Dr. James C. "Jim" Mezick, former Senior Pastor of Lakeside Baptist Church in North Myrtle Beach, is a dedicated minister of the Gospel, and loved and respected by many; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for his life's calling, Jim Mezick earned his bachelor's degree at Auburn University in Alabama, completed his master's degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas, and earned his doctorate at Drew University in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, when Lakeside Baptist Church in North Myrtle Beach was 20 years old, Jim Mezick became its Senior Pastor and served in that role for 32 years. Under his leadership, the church expanded its building program, increased staff, grew its ministries, and introduced many young people into Christian service. Loved by his church, he retired in 2000; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement Jim Mezick has remained a vital part of North Myrtle Beach life, helping to establish and participate in an annual citywide Prayer Breakfast, serving as an interim Pastor for area churches, leading Bible studies, and, at their request, counseling numerous individuals as they seek to reconnect with or to enhance their spiritual life; and

WHEREAS, Jim Mezick has provided meaningful and relevant Invocations at dozens of City Council meetings, and;

WHEREAS, Jim Mezick has often said that one of the greatest triumphs of his life is having been able to marry the former Genie Patterson, and with her parent their three children, Jason, Holly, and Patterson, later on experiencing together the joy of interacting with their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Jim Mezick continues to serve as a deeply committed and courageous example of what it truly means to live one's life according to the principles of one's Faith; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Myrtle Beach City Council encourages North Myrtle Beach residents and those residing in surrounding areas to reach out to Dr. Jim Mezick, a humble, warm, constant, confidential and wise person, to wish him well and thank him for the internal peace and spiritual growth he has so lovingly brought to others.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2021.

City Clerk

Marilyn Hatley, Mayor

