



# “Midlands Interfaith Meetup”



**Retired State Senator Joel Lourie**

**Event:** On February 4, 2020, The S.C. Human Affairs Commission attended Midlands Interfaith Meetup.

In recognition of Black History Month, the special guest for the Midlands Interfaith Meetup was retired State Senator Joel Lourie who spoke about the need for a law defining hate crimes.

SC Representative Beth Bernstein has pre-filed a bipartisan bill that would allow hate intimidation to be added to a crime if a crime victim was targeted on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin.

Next Meeting: March 10