

By: Representative Broomfield

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25  
(As Adopted by House)

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. JOHN WESLEY DAVIS, SR., ON THE  
2 CELEBRATION OF HIS 18TH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF THE GREATER  
3 ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. John Wesley Davis, Sr., will be celebrating his  
5 18th Anniversary as Pastor of the Greater Antioch Missionary  
6 Baptist Church in Pascagoula, Mississippi, on March 28, 1999; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis, son of Mrs. Mary Davis and the late Mr.  
8 Willie Davis, was born on August 10, 1934, in Laurel, Mississippi,  
9 and graduated from Oak Park High School; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis furthered his education at Jackson State  
11 University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in music before  
12 attending the American Bible College in Kansas City, Missouri,  
13 where he received a bachelor's degree in Bible philosophy, a  
14 master's degree in Bible philosophy and a doctorate degree in  
15 divinity; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis was ordained at Mount Enon Missionary  
17 Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, under the pastorage of Dr. Thomas  
18 D. Howard; and

19 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Dr. Davis has ministered to  
20 several churches in the State of Mississippi, including Mount  
21 Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville, Concord Missionary  
22 Baptist Church in Forest, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in  
23 Laurel and New West Point Missionary Baptist Church in Waynesboro;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Dr. Davis is a  
26 member of numerous organizations, including the NAACP, the SCLC,

27 the Advisory Board of the Jackson County Youth Court, Jackson  
28 County Salvation Army Domestic Violence Task Force and the Jackson  
29 County Extension Advisory Council of the Mississippi State  
30 University Extension Board and served as a former trustee of the  
31 M.I. College and Institute, organizer and former President of the  
32 Interdenominational Conference in Pascagoula and President of the  
33 Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance in Jackson County; and

34 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis has received several awards during his  
35 long and distinguished career, such as the Louis Peyton  
36 Humanitarian Award, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Meritorious  
37 Spiritual Outreach Award, the Mississippi Jack Scroll of Merit  
38 Award, the Jackson County Mississippi Interdenominational  
39 Ministerial Alliance Minister of the Year and the Moss  
40 Point/Jackson County Mississippi Youth Court Volunteer Award; and

41 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis also has been selected to the Who's Who  
42 Among Black Americans and Who's Who in the National Baptist  
43 Convention U.S.A., Inc., and is an internationally known recording  
44 artist; and

45 WHEREAS, in addition, Dr. Davis is also a member of many  
46 professional associations, including the Ministers Council and the  
47 Board of Directors for the National Baptist Convention U.S.A.,  
48 Inc., President of the New Education State Convention of  
49 Mississippi, Vice President of the New Educational State Congress  
50 of Mississippi and Parliamentarian of the Shiloh District  
51 Association of Mississippi; and

52 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis has been lovingly supported in all his  
53 endeavors by his faithful wife, the former Virgie Louise Sumlin,  
54 and their children, Reverend John W. Davis, Jr., and Maurice B.  
55 Davis; and

56 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of  
57 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend such outstanding  
58 Mississippians as Dr. Davis, who has dedicated his life to sharing  
59 the love of Jesus Christ:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
62 commend and congratulate Dr. John Wesley Davis, Sr., on the  
63 celebration of his 18th Anniversary as Pastor of the Greater

64 Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and extend to him our heartiest  
65 wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
67 furnished to Dr. John Wesley Davis, Sr., and to members of the  
68 Capitol Press Corps.