

By: Senator(s) Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND DR. VERA MAE CHAMBERS FOR HER
2 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO HER CHURCH, HER COMMUNITY, AND HER
3 MANY STUDENTS.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Vera Mae Chambers, 82, of Wiggins Street in
5 Jackson, Mississippi, was a retired teacher; and

6 WHEREAS, Vera was the fourth child born to the late Baxter
7 Charles Chambers and Elvira Dickey Chambers on March 23, 1916; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers died of heart failure February 27th at
9 the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers was a native of Wiggins, Mississippi,
11 who attended Stone County Training School; and

12 WHEREAS, she received a bachelor of science degree in
13 elementary education from Jackson State University, a masters
14 degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, an Ed.Sp. from
15 Jackson State University, and an honorary doctorate from Natchez
16 College; and

17 WHEREAS, she taught in the Counties of Stone, Harrison, Perry
18 and Hinds prior to teaching for 35 years in the Jackson Public
19 Schools; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers holds life membership in the Jackson
21 State University national and local alumni associations, the
22 Indiana University National Alumni Association, the Mississippi
23 Association of Educators, the National Education Association and
24 many community and civic organizations; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers was a member of Pearlie Grove
26 Missionary Baptist Church on Grand Avenue, where she served

27 faithfully as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, church clerk
28 and church treasurer, as well as various other jobs, until her
29 health failed; and

30 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by four brothers and four
31 sisters; and

32 WHEREAS, her survivors include her godson, Jesse Chambers,
33 Jr., brothers Wiley Chambers of Memphis, Tennessee, Kernevis
34 Chambers of Wiggins and Jesse L. Chambers, Sr., of Hattiesburg,
35 and sisters Thelma Chambers of Wiggins, Patient Thomas of Gulfport
36 and Olivia Vanerson and Elvenia Harrison of Jackson, as well as
37 ten nieces, seven nephews and a host of great-nieces and
38 great-nephews; and

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers was an inspiration to the people of her
40 community, as well as to all the students whose lives she touched;
41 and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this body to commend the
43 achievements of the native sons and daughters of this state:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Dr. Vera Mae Chambers for a
46 life lived uprightly and as an example to all, and extend the
47 thanks of a grateful state for the contributions she made so
48 unstintingly, especially to the children who were her students.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
50 presented to the family of Dr. Chambers.