

By: Flagg

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING REVEREND RICHARD G. BURNS  
2 UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Richard G. Burns, a great servant of God,  
4 has retired as pastor of New Mt. Elem Missionary Baptist Church  
5 after 32 years of dedicated service; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns, son of the late Bertha Anderson  
7 Burns and the late Alexander Judge Burns, was born on February 28,  
8 1908, in Vicksburg, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns received his education from the  
10 Warren County Public Schools and graduated from the Mississippi  
11 Baptist Seminary, where he earned a bachelor of theology and a  
12 master's in theological studies; and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns accepted God's call to the ministry  
14 and was ordained as a minister in December 1945; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1951, Reverend Burns was elected as the pastor of  
16 Revelation Baptist Church and pastor of Mt. Elem Baptist Church in  
17 1968; and

18 WHEREAS, during his tenure at Mt. Elem Baptist Church,  
19 Reverend Burns worked tirelessly to ensure the construction of a  
20 new worship building, which is now known as New Mt. Elem  
21 Missionary Baptist Church; and

22 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns, at 91 years old, is still an active  
23 and vital member of his community, serving as Moderator of the  
24 Warren County District Association, Worshipful Master of St.  
25 Peter's Lodge #5, Secretary of Overcome Lodge #1, Patron of St.  
26 Mary's Chapter #2 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Grand

27 Secretary of the M.W. Successful Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M., Board  
28 Member of Parkview Regional Home Health, former President of the  
29 Warren County Sunday School Institute and Convention, a founding  
30 Board Member and former Secretary of the Vicksburg Center of the  
31 Mississippi Baptist Seminary, former recording Secretary of the  
32 Warren County Baptist Association, former board member of the YMCA  
33 and former board member of the Fisher Ferry Water Club; and

34 WHEREAS, in addition, Reverend Burns has participated in the  
35 General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi and the  
36 National Baptist Convention, the Vicksburg's Minister's Alliance  
37 and served on the Advisory Council for the Mississippi Action for  
38 Progress/Head Start Program; and

39 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns has been lovingly supported in all  
40 his endeavors by his late wife, Estella Parson Burns, their nine  
41 children, 36 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and 5  
42 great-great-grandchildren; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
44 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Reverend Burns, who  
45 has dedicated his career to ministering to the people in his  
46 community:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
49 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Reverend  
50 Richard G. Burns upon his retirement from the ministry and extend  
51 to him our heartiest wishes for good health, happiness, peace and  
52 joy.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
54 furnished to Reverend Richard G. Burns and to the members of the  
55 Capitol Press Corps.