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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING REVEREND DR. S.L.
2 SPANN, SR., OF GREATER FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON,
3 MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND FOR MORE THAN
4 39 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE JACKSON COMMUNITY.

5 WHEREAS, Reverend (Dr.) S.L. Spann, Sr., has been pastoring
6 the Greater Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, 2545 Newport
7 Street, Jackson, Mississippi, for 38 years, and will be honored by
8 the entire neighboring Christian community with appropriate
9 ceremonies recognizing his retirement and transition to Pastor
10 Emeritus on Sunday, February 6, 2000; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Spann has been in the ministry for over 54
12 years, and with God's guidance, he has been instrumental in
13 causing Greater Fairview's membership to grow to over 1,300
14 disciples; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. S.L. Spann, Sr., is a native of Brandon,
16 Mississippi, is the husband of Fannie Bernice Barnett Spann, and
17 is the father of 7 children (5 boys and 2 girls); and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Spann obtained his High School Equivalency
19 Certificate, and later attended the American Baptist Theological
20 Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee; he earned his Bachelor and
21 Master Degrees in Theology and a Doctorate of Ministry from the
22 Mississippi Baptist Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, and he has

23 also received an Honorary Doctorate of Religious Education from
24 Natchez Junior College; and

25 WHEREAS, he has served as a Lecturer in the Moderator's
26 Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and he
27 now serves as a Board Member in the General Baptist State
28 Convention, as well as a member of the Jackson Baptist Minister's
29 Union and Metropolitan Minister's Fellowship; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Spann celebrated his 88th birthday on March 28,
31 1999, and is still going strong--"Walking On By Faith"; and

32 WHEREAS, the Bible says "Let the elders that rule well be
33 counted worthy of double honour especially they who labour in the
34 word and doctrine," and it is with great pride that we recognize
35 this dedicated citizen who has brought so much to his
36 congregation, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Reverend
39 Dr. S.L. Spann of Greater Fairview Baptist Church, Jackson,
40 Mississippi, upon the occasion of his retirement as pastor and for
41 more than 39 years of dedicated service to the Jackson community.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
43 Dr. Spann at his retirement ceremonies and be made available to
44 the Capitol Press Corps.