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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING REV. JOHN E.
2 CAMERON, SR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 30TH YEAR AS PASTOR OF THE
3 GREATER MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, John Earl (Johnny) Cameron was born on June 11,
5 1932, just outside of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in Petal. His
6 parents were A.C. and Courtney Cameron. He is the fourteenth of
7 sixteen children; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cameron was educated in the Springfield
9 Vocational High School in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he
10 graduated in 1951. He later attended Alcorn A & M College in
11 Lorman, Mississippi. He attended Rust College in Holly Springs,
12 Mississippi, where he received his B.S. Degree. Reverend Cameron
13 also attended the American Baptist Theological Seminary in
14 Nashville, Tennessee, where his major was social science
15 (theology); and

16 WHEREAS, he has been serving in a pastoral position for more
17 than forty years. His first position was at First Baptist Church
18 in Oxford, Mississippi. He is currently pastor at Greater Mount
19 Calvary Baptist church in Jackson, Mississippi, where he has been
20 since 1970. Reverend Cameron has been active in numerous
21 organizations and actively involved in the civil rights movement
22 extending back prior to his involvement with Dr. Martin Luther
23 King, Jr. Additionally, Reverend Cameron worked with Dr. King on
24 voter registration campaigns in the Hattiesburg, Mississippi,
25 area; and

26 WHEREAS, he has been involved in civic affairs which included

27 his bid for the United States Congress Fifth Congressional
28 District in the State of Mississippi. He was the Director of the
29 Hattiesburg Ministers' Project and served as Ambassador to Central
30 America. Presently he serves as a member of the Board of
31 Directors of the Pearl River Valley Redevelopment Basin in Hinds
32 County; and

33 WHEREAS, he has been cited in Who's Who in Black America,
34 Notable Americans in the Bicentennial Era and Outstanding
35 Community Leader. He has received a proclamation from Mayor Dale
36 Danks, Jr., a proclamation from Judge Alexander in Hinds County,
37 and he served as a Colonel on Governor Cliff Finch's staff. Most
38 recently Rev. Cameron was one of the speakers at Governor Ronnie
39 Musgrove's inaugural (religious) ceremony, where he spoke on the
40 issue of "Challenge"; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the tenure
42 of this church and civic leader who has brought honor to his
43 church, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Rev. John
46 E. Cameron, Sr., on the occasion of his 30th year as pastor of the
47 Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, and
48 wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 presented to Reverend Cameron and be made available to his church
51 and to the Capitol Press Corps.