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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REV. CHARLES E. POLK FOR HIS 25 YEARS
2 AS SPIRITUAL LEADER AT ST. LUTHER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN
3 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Rev. Polk has rendered efficient, faithful and
5 invaluable service to the St. Luther Church for the past 25 years
6 as its spiritual leader; and

7 WHEREAS, Rev. Charles E. Polk was born in Jackson,
8 Mississippi, and is the second oldest of five brothers and one
9 sister. Rev. Polk has been happily married to Mrs. Eddie M. Spann
10 Polk for forty-four years, and they are the parents of two sons,
11 Charles Polk, Jr., of Buffalo, New York; and Roy Harold Polk of
12 Madison, Mississippi; and six grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Rev. Polk has served as Pastor of the St. Luther
14 Missionary Baptist Church located at 1040 Banks Street, Jackson,
15 Mississippi, for 25 years. The church has grown tremendously.
16 Rev. Polk has received numerous awards, as a result of his
17 powerful style of preaching, which has earned him the nickname
18 "The Son of Thunder"; and

19 WHEREAS, Rev. Polk is a former member of the Jackson
20 Southernairs; he recorded many songs with them and traveled all
21 over the country singing until God called him to the ministry.
22 Rev. Polk's community and civic affiliations include S.C.L.C.,
23 NAACP, Ministers Union, Mississippi Baptist Convention, National
24 Baptist Convention USA, Board Member of Central Mississippi Health
25 Services, Inc., and a board member of the Mississippi Mass Choir,
26 and Financial Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist State

27 Convention; and

28 WHEREAS, Rev. Polk is sensitive to the needs of the poor,
29 senior citizens and the youth and each year he dedicates time and
30 effort to the senior citizens' food basket giveaway for Christmas;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, during his 25 years at St. Luther, the church has
33 expanded its physical facilities and has increased its services to
34 members and their families, including expanding services and
35 opportunities for the youth, and is currently planning an addition
36 of a family life center; and

37 WHEREAS, Rev. Polk gives unselfishly of his time, talents and
38 efforts for the improvement of mankind. His integrity and
39 sincerity have earned him the respect and admiration of people in
40 all walks of life; and

41 WHEREAS, he has always been a champion of civic betterment
42 and a tireless advocate of citizen involvement in government; and

43 WHEREAS, Rev. Polk is a fluent speaker, a visionary leader of
44 extraordinary vitality who is loved and admired by friends both
45 far and near:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, That the Senate and the St. Luther Missionary Baptist
48 Church family and the West Jackson community commend Rev. Polk for
49 his unique outreach ministry of teaching and sharing God's word,
50 upon the occasion of 25 years of service to his church.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
52 presented to Rev. Polk and be made available to the Capitol Press
53 Corps.