

By: Simmons

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REVEREND RODERICK MITCHELL OF
2 CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI, FOUNDER OF THE NEW LIFE CHURCH AND THE
3 EXODUS SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE, FOR HIS DEDICATED CHARITABLE AND CIVIC
4 SERVICE.

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6 WHEREAS, Pastor Roderick Mitchell of Cleveland, MS, is the
7 Founder and Pastor of The New Life Church, Inc. Since its
8 inception in 1994, the ministry, by the grace and mercy of God has
9 prospered to become a multi-faceted, multi-talented, multi-ethnic
10 ministry that is making a difference in the Mississippi Delta
11 area; and

12 WHEREAS, Pastor Mitchell flows in a strong anointing of
13 teaching the Word of God! The anointing stirs the hearts of
14 people to a level of faith and joy concerning God's Word that they
15 long to experience; he is evaluated as an energetic speaker,
16 outgoing leader, high achiever with a strong belief in the Gospel
17 of Jesus and the Principles of God's Kingdom, consequently, he
18 travels extensively, ministering to clergy, victim service
19 advocates, students and church congregations alike; his deep
20 healing approach to ministry transcends cultural and
21 denominational barriers; and

22 WHEREAS, Pastor Roderick Mitchell has over 22 years of

23 ministry from 1978 to present, over 14 years of pastoral
24 experience, 1986 to present; frequent speaking engagements and
25 presentations at more than 200 national, state and local
26 conferences, churches and training seminars encouraging the
27 building of the Kingdom of God; he is the radio host of 95.3 FM,
28 Sunday Morning Program - 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., entitled: "Walking
29 Through The Word"; he is married to the former Mary Butler; they
30 have been blessed with one child, Isaac; and

31 WHEREAS, his education: Doctor of Apostolic Ministry,
32 Institute for Teaching God's Word Theological Seminary, Rockdale,
33 Texas, June 7, 1997; Master of Biblical Studies, Institute for
34 Teaching God's Word Theological Seminary, Rockdale, Texas, June 7,
35 1997; Teaching Certification in Bible and Bible Related Subjects,
36 Institute for Teaching God's Word, Theological Seminary, Rockdale,
37 Texas, June 7, 1997; Master of Christian Counseling, Triune
38 Biblical University, Longview, Washington, May 1997; Bachelor of
39 Arts in Christian Education, Salutorian, Triune Biblical
40 University, Longview, Washington, May 1995; Biology Major,
41 Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi,
42 1985-1986; Associate Degree in General Studies, Central Texas
43 College, Killeen, Texas, 1979-1982; General Studies, John F.
44 Kennedy Memorial High School, Mount Bayou, Mississippi, 1975; and
45 his professional experience: December 1995 to Present: CEO &
46 Executive Director over Exodus Center for Life's Programs: New
47 Life Counseling Center; Preparing Our Sons for Manhood: Salvaging
48 The Seed; GED & Adult Literacy; Teenage Pregnancy; Job Skills;
49 Mississippi Women's Economic and Entrepreneurial Project; Faith &
50 Family: MASH Batterer Program; Domestic Violence & Sexual
51 Assault; Court Advocacy; Support Our Students (SOS) Afterschool
52 Program: Perfected Praise Day Care; It's Moses Time - Summer
53 Youth Program; and Speaker Bureau, Cleveland, Mississippi; March

54 1994 to Present: Full Time - Founder & Pastor, The New Life
55 Church, Inc., Cleveland, Mississippi; November 1994 to 1996:
56 Coordinator for Male Health Initiate Program, Delta Health Center,
57 Inc., Mound Bayou, Mississippi; March 1986 to December 1993: Full
58 Time - Pastor, Mount Pilgrim M.B. Church, Cleveland, Mississippi;
59 August 1975 to August 1979: Sergeant (E-5), United States Army,
60 Honorary Discharge; and

61 WHEREAS, highlights of his affiliations and awards:
62 Certification of Honor given by the State of Texas House of
63 Representatives, May 31, 1997; National Crime Victims Service
64 Award, the highest federal honor for victim advocacy, sponsored by
65 the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program: Office
66 for Victims of Crime, Washington, D.C., presented by Vice
67 President Al Gore and U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, April 18,
68 1997; Amy Clayton's Volunteer of the Year Award, presented by the
69 1997 Crime Victims' Rights Forum for the State of Mississippi,
70 April 17, 1997; City of Greenville, "Proclamation for Outstanding
71 Victim Assistance" in the Washington & Bolivar Counties area and
72 throughout the State of Mississippi, 1995; Dean of Curriculum,
73 Bolivar County Educational Association, 1993 to present; Regional
74 Coordinator for the Mississippi National Day of Prayer, 14
75 counties, 1995; Advisor, Delta Women Aglow, 1993 to present;
76 President, Bolivar County Educational Association, 1988 to 1992;
77 Pastor of the Year, Progressive Business Women of Cleveland, 1988;
78 Man of the Year, Progressive Business Women of Cleveland, 1988;
79 and

80 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
81 accomplishments and dedicated charitable and civic service of this

82 Mississippian:

83 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
84 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Reverend Roderick Mitchell
85 of Cleveland, Mississippi, Founder of The New Life Church and the
86 Exodus School of the Bible, for his considerable and dedicated
87 charitable and civic service to his fellowman, and wish him
88 continued success in his future endeavors.

89 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
90 presented to Rev. Mitchell and his family and be made available to
91 the Capitol Press Corps.