

By: Senator(s) Jordan, Turner

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

1 A RESOLUTION TO HONOR ELDER AARON JOHNSON FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
2 RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP, UNWAVERING ADVOCACY FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE  
3 AND LONG DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVICE, WHICH HAVE BENEFITED ALL OF THE  
4 CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, as a prominent leader in the State of Mississippi  
6 religious community, Elder Aaron Johnson has served as President  
7 of the Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention, providing  
8 leadership and vision for the activities of the Christian Church  
9 (Disciples of Christ) throughout the State of Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, as Chairman of District 4 for 10 years, Elder Aaron  
11 played a pivotal role in the Ministry of the Christian Church  
12 (Disciples of Christ) in the Mississippi Delta; and

13 WHEREAS, as an advocate for civil rights, Elder Aaron has  
14 been in the forefront of the courageous struggle for civil rights  
15 for African Americans in the State of Mississippi; and

16 WHEREAS, he has joined the efforts of citizens across the  
17 state to fight for equality and justice and a better life for all  
18 of the citizens of Mississippi; and

19 WHEREAS, as a community leader, Elder Aaron Johnson has led  
20 his community in addressing issues of public interest and concern;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, he has worked with both state and local  
23 representatives and citizens to build a consensus for the common  
24 good:

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
26 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby honor Elder Aaron Johnson for his  
27 legacy of service, extend best wishes to his wife, First Lady Alma

28 Johnson, and join in the tribute to him by the East Percy Street  
29 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Greenwood, Mississippi,  
30 for 42 years of service as Pastor.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
32 Elder Johnson and his family and be made available to the Capitol  
33 Press Corps.