

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REV. CHARLES E. POLK FOR 26 YEARS AS
2 PASTOR OF ST. LUTHER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN JACKSON,
3 MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Rev. Charles E. Polk has rendered efficient,
5 faithful and invaluable service to the St. Luther Missionary
6 Baptist Church for the past 26 years as its pastor; 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 45 years, and they are the parents of two sons, Charles
11 Polk, Jr., of Buffalo, New York; and Roy Harold Polk of Madison,
12 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 26 years and gives God all the praise and glory
16 for giving him a faith that has remained strong throughout the
17 years. The church has grown tremendously under his dedicated and
18 committed leadership and is involved in the following outreach
19 ministries: Prison Ministry, Community Ministry, Children's
20 Monday Night Ministry, Clothing Ministry, Training Union Ministry,
21 Senior Citizens Ministry, Men-On-A-Mission Ministry, Partnership
22 Ministry with Calvary Baptist and the Bible Class Ministry. Rev.
23 Polk has received numerous awards, as a result of his powerful
24 style of preaching, which has earned him the nickname "The Son of
25 Thunder"; and

26 WHEREAS, Rev. Polk is a former member of the Jackson
27 Southernairs; he recorded many songs with them and traveled all

28 over the country singing until God called him to the ministry.
29 Rev. Polk's community and civic affiliations include S.C.L.C.,
30 NAACP, Ministers Union, Mississippi Baptist Convention, National
31 Baptist Convention USA, Board Member of Central Mississippi Health
32 Services, Inc., Board Member of the Mississippi Mass Choir, and
33 Financial Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, Rev. Polk is sensitive to the needs of the less
36 fortunate, the elderly and the youth, and each year volunteers his
37 time and effort to the WKXI senior citizens' food giveaway for
38 Christmas; and

39 WHEREAS, during his 26 years at St. Luther, the church has
40 expanded its physical facilities and has increased its membership
41 and services to members and their families, including expanding
42 services and opportunities for the youth, and is currently
43 planning to construct a new edifice in the West Jackson Community;
44 and

45 WHEREAS, Rev. Polk gives unselfishly of his time, talents and
46 efforts for the improvement of mankind. His integrity and
47 sincerity have earned him the respect and admiration of people in
48 all walks of life; and

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

51 WHEREAS, Rev. Polk is a fluent speaker, a spirit-filled
52 leader of extraordinary vitality who is loved and admired by
53 friends both far and near:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
55 MISSISSIPPI, That the Senate and the St. Luther Missionary Baptist
56 Church family and the West Jackson community commend Rev. Polk for
57 his unique and visionary leadership of teaching and sharing God's
58 word, upon the occasion of 26 years of service to his church.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
60 presented to Rev. Charles E. Polk, St. Luther Baptist Church, and
61 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.