

By: Senator(s) Harden, Horhn

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.