

By: Senator(s) Lee

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING FRED SMITH FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE  
2 AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON THE CELEBRATION OF FIFTY YEARS IN THE  
3 MINISTRY.

4 WHEREAS, Fred Smith was born and raised in rural Stone  
5 County; and

6 WHEREAS, Fred Smith was united in Holy Matrimony to Louise  
7 Davis in November of 1950; and

8 WHEREAS, Fred and Louise were blessed with two children,  
9 Kiahnell Smith and Rita Cooley; and

10 WHEREAS, they are the proud grandparents of eight  
11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Fred smith was saved and baptized in the Summer of  
13 1945 at the age of 15; and

14 WHEREAS, Fred Smith was ordained as a Deacon in 1951 at  
15 Gumpond Baptist Church; and

16 WHEREAS, he surrendered to the call of God to the Ministry in  
17 1952 and the Gumpond Baptist Church licensed him on March 9, 1952;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, he was called to the Red Hill Missionary Baptist  
20 Church and Cedar Dale Missionary Baptist Church as pastor in June  
21 of 1952; and

22 WHEREAS, Brother Fred Smith has served as pastor at the  
23 following churches: Red Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 44 years;  
24 Cedar Dale Baptist Church, 2 years; Community Baptist Church, 4  
25 years; Red Creek Baptist Church, 1 year; Lumberton Baptist Church,  
26 a total of 23 years on 3 occasions; Mars Hill Baptist Church, 9  
27 years; Carnes Baptist Church, 6 years; Elder Ridge Baptist Church;



28 1 year; Clear Branch Baptist Church, 6 years; Palestine Baptist  
29 Church, 6 years and current pastor; and

30 WHEREAS, Brother Fred Smith's tireless and dedicated service  
31 to the Ministry of Christ has led him to help organize 35 churches  
32 in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Canada, Mexico and  
33 Mississippi; and

34 WHEREAS, Brother Fred Smith's leadership has been a blessing  
35 to the fellowship and associational meetings; and

36 WHEREAS, his leadership, compassion and willingness to serve  
37 others is evidenced by his service as Moderator of the Red Creek  
38 Missionary Baptist Association for 42 years, 29 years of service  
39 as Clerk of the Mississippi State Association and 52 years of  
40 service as Missionary Messenger to the Red Creek Mission Meeting;  
41 and

42 WHEREAS, because of his love and concern for the youth, he  
43 was instrumental in starting the Mississippi Youth Fellowship  
44 meetings; and

45 WHEREAS, Brother Fred Smith's labor of love in the ministry  
46 was supported by his loyal and devoted wife, Sister Louise Smith;  
47 and

48 WHEREAS, the ministry of this humble and dedicated pastor  
49 has truly been a blessing to the thousands of lives touched by his  
50 ministry; and

51 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Senate of the State of  
52 Mississippi to recognize and commend the dedicated and devoted  
53 service of the citizens of this state:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
55 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize and commend Brother Fred  
56 Smith for his 50 years of dedicated service in the ministry and  
57 congratulate him upon reaching this milestone in his ministry.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
59 presented to Brother Fred Smith.

