

By: Senator(s) Thames, Harvey, Little

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REVEREND L.D. DUCKSWORTH UPON THE  
2 OCCASION OF HIS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF THE SHADY GROVE  
3 BAPTIST CHURCH.

4 WHEREAS, the Reverend L.D. Ducksworth is celebrating his  
5 fiftieth anniversary as Pastor of the Shady Grove Baptist Church  
6 in Heidelberg, Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, in the Spring of 1939, Reverend Ducksworth began  
8 this spiritual odyssey, serving in numerous churches in addition  
9 to Shady Grove Baptist Church, including Mount Beulah Baptist  
10 Church, Mount Bethel Baptist Church and Mount Pleasant Baptist  
11 Church in Soso, Pine Hill Baptist Church and Saint Paul Baptist in  
12 Seminary, Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Sumrall, Philti Baptist  
13 Church in Bay Springs, Blue Mountain Baptist Church in Bay  
14 Springs, Ebenezer Baptist Church in Heidelberg and Mount Zion  
15 Baptist Church in Prentiss; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Ducksworth has also spent 40 years as  
17 President of First Sweet Pilgrim B.T.U. and Sunday Congress, 6  
18 years as Vice President of the First Sweet Pilgrim Association, 30  
19 years as President of First Enterprise Baptist Association and 11  
20 years as Jasper County Jury Commissioner; and

21 WHEREAS, he has been honored with the District Congress  
22 Award, Jury Commission Award, and with Thirty-two Year and Forty  
23 Year Church Anniversary Awards; and

24 WHEREAS, Reverend Ducksworth has been very instrumental in  
25 the growth and reorganization of Shady Grove Baptist Church, which  
26 now functions with a Deacon and Trustee Board, Mission Society,



27 Starlight Band, Shepherd Boys League, Male Chorus, Youth Choir,  
28 Senior and Combined Choir, and a Sunday School for all ages; and

29 WHEREAS, Reverend Ducksworth is greatly responsible for the  
30 church's growth in membership which totals 834 members, 357 by  
31 Christian experience/church letter; and

32 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Vera, have reared 5 boys and 3  
33 girls; and

34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend  
35 such outstanding citizens as Reverend Ducksworth:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
37 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby congratulate the Reverend L.D.  
38 Ducksworth upon the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary as Pastor  
39 of the Shady Grove Baptist Church, and wish him many more years of  
40 faithful service.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
42 furnished to Reverend L.D. Ducksworth and made available to the  
43 Capitol Press Corps.

