

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MACEDONIA BAPTIST  
2 CHURCH IN BROOKHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION OF THE  
3 SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH.

4 WHEREAS, 2002 is a very exciting year in the life of  
5 Macedonia Baptist Church in Brookhaven, Mississippi, as the church  
6 recognizes a celebration of its Sesqui-Centennial; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1852, with letter in hand, William East and  
8 William Elzey asked to be seated as delegates from the new  
9 Macedonia Baptist Church at the Copiah Baptist Associational  
10 Meeting. On June 5, 1858, the Trustees of Macedonia Baptist  
11 Church acquired 11 and 76/100 acres of land including the Baptist  
12 Meeting House Macedonia and the burying grounds bounded on the  
13 south by Brookhaven Market Road (now Highway 550). All that  
14 remains at the original location of Macedonia Baptist Church is  
15 the cemetery; and

16 WHEREAS, in the 1930's, it was decided that a new church was  
17 needed. Cash was short and most of the money raised to build the  
18 new church was given by farmers who sold chickens, eggs, cattle  
19 and crops. Pews in this church, a brick auditorium and four  
20 Sunday School rooms were built with free labor by members of the  
21 church, using hand-made bricks and donated virgin timber; and

22 WHEREAS, Calvin Phelps was Pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church  
23 when lightning struck and burned the building on Saturday,  
24 December 9, 1967. Macedonia was allowed to have its church  
25 services at Loyd Star School provided that they could have the new  
26 church built as soon as possible; and



27           WHEREAS, the building was staked off, additional land around  
28 the church was donated, the top of the hill was pushed down to  
29 where it is today by volunteer labor and the buildings were staked  
30 off. Construction was never stopped for a day because of lack of  
31 money, and most or all of the pews were paid for by different  
32 families in honor of some members of their family; and

33           WHEREAS, in April 1968, Easter Sunday, the first worship  
34 services were held in the Fellowship Hall of the new Educational  
35 Building. Worship services continued in this building until the  
36 completion of the new Sanctuary. On Sunday, March 23, 1969, the  
37 new church building was formally dedicated; and

38           WHEREAS, since this church's "birth", it has experienced many  
39 changes, but through it all, the church has endeavored to provide  
40 a place of worship where individuals could grow closer to God; and

41           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
42 Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of this church which has given so  
43 much to its members, its community and to the State of  
44 Mississippi:

45           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
46 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Macedonia  
47 Baptist Church in Brookhaven, Mississippi, upon the occasion of  
48 the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of the church, and extend to its  
49 members the best wishes of the Senate.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
51 Dr. David Sellers representing the entire church, and be made  
52 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

