

By: Senator(s) Harden, Frazier,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ELDER LARRY WEEMS FOR ELEVEN YEARS OF
2 DEDICATED SERVICE AS PASTOR OF DAVIS TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN
3 CHRIST AND FOR HIS CONTINUING SERVICE TO THE MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN
4 FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST.

5 WHEREAS, Elder Larry Weems is the fourth of 12 children born
6 in 1958 to Erenest and Nezzie Lee Weems, Sr. He attended Oak Park
7 Elementary School, Maddox Junior High School and Watkins High
8 School. He was a letterman in both football and basketball in
9 Junior High and Senior High School, and he attended Jackson State
10 University on a basketball scholarship majoring in Graphic Arts
11 Design. He was president of a prayer group during his freshman
12 year that had nine students in the group. After four years the
13 membership of the prayer group had grown to over 200 students. He
14 served as Vice President of the COGIC Club at Jackson State for
15 three years. Elder Weems graduated from Laurel Baptist Seminary
16 in 1976 with an Associate Degree and from Jackson State University
17 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1980; and

18 WHEREAS, at the age of 11, Elder Weems joined the Sweet
19 Buelah Church of God in Christ. He received the baptism of the
20 Holy Ghost at the age of 14 and was appointed Deacon and Sunday
21 School Superintendent at that time. He accepted the call into the
22 ministry at the age of 15. He was appointed President of the
23 Jurisdictional Young Men's Christian Council (YMCC) at the age of
24 19. At the age of 21, he was appointed Jurisdictional
25 Correspondence Secretary, and is currently serving as Secretary of
26 the Mississippi Southern First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the
27 Church of God in Christ; and



28 WHEREAS, the late Bishop Theodore Davis appointed Elder Weems
29 as Pastor of Davis Temple COGIC, the Headquarters for Mississippi
30 Southern First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in
31 Christ where he has ministered for the past 11 years. He also
32 pastored Davis Chapel COGIC in Gloster, Mississippi, and James
33 Chapel COGIC in Mount Olive, Mississippi, for two years; and

34 WHEREAS, Elder Weems was the first Black Art Director in
35 Mississippi for WLBT Channel 3 for nine years. In 1988, he was
36 appointed Administrative Coordinator for Saints Academy, and
37 continues to serve in this position. He works in the financial
38 office for the National Church of God in Christ under Bishop Frank
39 White and is National Overseer/Treasurer for the Adjective
40 Department; and

41 WHEREAS, Elder Weems is married to Ann Tillman Weems of
42 Clarksdale, Mississippi, and they are the proud parents of one
43 daughter, Vickie, and two sons, Larry, Jr., and Cameron; and

44 WHEREAS, additionally, Elder Weeks is active in the
45 Washington's Addition Neighborhood Association and the West
46 Central Jackson Community. He was selected this year (2002) to
47 serve on Jackson State University's e-City Faith Based Committee,
48 and was later elected Chair. During this time, Pastor Weems has
49 rendered invaluable service to e-City and the Development of the
50 West Jackson Community; and

51 WHEREAS, Elder Weems is committed to the revitalization and
52 redevelopment of the West Jackson area to benefit neighborhood
53 residents. He continues to work diligently to increase services
54 for the elderly and the disabled, to improve and create affordable
55 housing, provide adequate transportation, create jobs, improve
56 economic conditions and provide educational enhancement
57 opportunities for the youth; and

58 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
59 dedicated, committed and inspirational service of this outstanding



60 Mississippian who brings honor to his church congregation, to his
61 community and to the State of Mississippi:

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
63 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Elder Larry Weems for his
64 11 years of service as Pastor of Davis Temple Church of God in
65 Christ, and extend to him the best wishes of the Senate in his
66 future endeavors.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
68 presented to Elder Larry Weems.

