

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE REVEREND FRANK  
2 LAROSE SUTTON, SR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS INSTALLATION AS PASTOR  
3 OF FAIRFIELD M.B. CHURCH IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, on Sunday, December 8, 2002, the Reverend Frank  
5 LaRose Sutton, Sr., will be installed as Pastor of Fairfield M.B.  
6 Church in Jackson, Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, Frank L. Sutton is a native of Jackson, Mississippi.  
8 He is the oldest son of Reverend Jesse Sutton, Jr., and Evangelist  
9 Missionary Della King Sutton; and

10 WHEREAS, Rev. Sutton received his early education at Westside  
11 School in Jackson. A graduate of Forest Hill High School, Rev.  
12 Sutton attended Jackson State University. In 1984, he was drafted  
13 into the National Football League where he played with the New  
14 England Patriots and the New York Giants. He is currently  
15 continuing his education at Belhaven College in Jackson; and

16 WHEREAS, Rev. Sutton accepted his call to preach the gospel  
17 of Jesus Christ in April of 2000. He was ordained on January 24,  
18 2001, and began service as an Associate Minister of New McRaven  
19 Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson; and

20 WHEREAS, Rev. Sutton stands as a fourth generation pastor  
21 following his great grandfather, Rev. Walter Sutton; his  
22 grandfather, Rev. Jesse Sutton, Sr.; and his father, Rev. Jesse  
23 Sutton, Jr. He also joins his brother, Rev. Arthur A. Sutton, in  
24 the ministry; and

25 WHEREAS, in September of 2002, Rev. Sutton accepted the call  
26 to serve as interim Pastor of Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church.



27 By October 2002, Fairfield acknowledged Rev. Sutton as the  
28 shepherd God had given them and elected him Pastor; and

29 WHEREAS, Rev. Sutton is employed as a Lieutenant with the  
30 Mississippi Department of Corrections. He is active with the  
31 General Missionary Baptist State Convention, Jackson District  
32 Congress of Christian Education and the Hinds County Women's  
33 Institute. He has been honored by the Mississippi House of  
34 Representatives for community service and Peebles Middle School  
35 PTSA as a past President. He holds membership with Omega Psi Phi  
36 Fraternity, NAACP, and the Jackson Metropolitan Youth Crime  
37 Commission; and

38 WHEREAS, Rev. Sutton's mission is to be an effective witness  
39 and teaching vessel for the Lord; and

40 WHEREAS, Rev. Sutton is married to the former Dr. Brigetta  
41 Kay Turner. He has three children, Jonathan, Erica and Frank,  
42 Jr.; and

43 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
44 Mississippi citizen whose civic and religious leadership brings  
45 honor to his church, his community and to the State of  
46 Mississippi:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
48 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
49 Reverend Frank LaRose Sutton, Sr., on the occasion of his  
50 installation as Pastor of Fairfield M.B. Church in Jackson,  
51 Mississippi, and extend to him and his family the best wishes of  
52 the Senate.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
54 Reverend Sutton and his family, and be made available to the  
55 Capitol Press Corps.

