

By: Representatives Flaggs, Clarke

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 88

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING REVEREND JOHN EARL
2 "JOHNNY" CAMERON UPON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS 33RD ANNIVERSARY AS
3 PASTOR OF THE GREATER MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

4 WHEREAS, Reverend John Earl "Johnny" Cameron will be honored
5 on Saturday, March 1, 2003, at an appreciation banquet given by
6 Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church in celebration of his 33
7 years as their pastor; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Cameron, the son of A.C. and Courtney
9 Cameron, was born on June 11, 1932, in Petal, Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduating from Springfield Vocational High
11 School in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Reverend Cameron attended Rust
12 College, where he received his bachelor's degree and also studies
13 at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville,
14 Tennessee; and

15 WHEREAS, having spent more than 40 years in the ministry,
16 Reverend Cameron's first pastoral position was at Second Baptist
17 Church in Oxford, Mississippi; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1970, Reverend Cameron became pastor of Greater
19 Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, where he has
20 ministered to many throughout his community; and

21 WHEREAS, Reverend Cameron was actively involved in the Civil
22 Rights Movement, having worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
23 on voter registration campaigns in Hattiesburg, as well as on a
24 national level and has been cited in a recent oral history project
25 documenting the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi; and

26 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Reverend Cameron
27 has served as a member and leader in various organizations such as



28 serving as the director of the Hattiesburg Ministers Project and
29 as Ambassador to Central America; the first speaker at the annual
30 Martin Luther King Celebration at the University of Southern
31 Mississippi; Historian for the Progressive National Baptist
32 Church; the Board of Directors for the Pearl River Valley
33 Redevelopment Basin in Hinds County and Vice President of Cooper's
34 Well, Incorporated; and

35 WHEREAS, throughout his long and distinguished career,
36 Reverend Cameron has been recognized by Who's Who in Black
37 America, Notable Americans in the Bicentennial Era and Outstanding
38 Community Leader and has received proclamations for outstanding
39 service from Governor Ronnie Musgrove, Lieutenant Governor Amy
40 Tuck, former Jackson Mayor Dale Danks, Jr., Mayor Harvey Johnson,
41 Jr., and many others; and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
43 commend outstanding Mississippians such as Reverend Cameron who
44 has dedicated his life to the ministry and meeting the spiritual
45 needs of many people:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
48 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Reverend John
49 Earl "Johnny" Cameron upon the celebration of his 33rd Anniversary
50 as pastor of the Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church and express
51 our heartiest wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to Reverend John Earl "Johnny" Cameron and to the
54 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

