

By: Senator(s) Furniss

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
2 REVEREND LUCIUS BRAINARD MARION, JR., AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST
3 SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Lucius Brainard Marion, Jr., departed this
5 life on Friday, January 3, 2003, causing great loss to his family
6 and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Marion, a native of Clinton, South
8 Carolina, was born August 14, 1916, to Dr. L.B. Marion and Vashti
9 Fuller Marion; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Marion graduated high school in Atlanta,
11 Georgia, where he later surrendered to the ministry at the age of
12 nineteen; and

13 WHEREAS, having descended from a Presbyterian family,
14 Reverend Marion was ordained into the Baptist ministry at
15 Pendleton Street Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina, on
16 May 30, 1937; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1939, while pastoring two "half-time" churches,
18 Reverend Marion received his undergraduate degree from Furman
19 University in Greenville, South Carolina, and graduated from
20 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky,
21 with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1943; and

22 WHEREAS, while attending seminary school, Reverend Marion met
23 Kenna Mildred Caswell, and they were later married on June 14,
24 1941, going on to raise two daughters and two sons; and

25 WHEREAS, Reverend Marion arrived in Clarksdale, Mississippi,
26 in 1961, preaching his first sermon on May 21, at Clarksdale



27 Baptist Church, where he remained until named Pastor Emeritus on
28 February 7, 1982; and

29 WHEREAS, in 1964, Reverend Marion founded Clarksdale Baptist
30 School and served as headmaster thereof from the founding until
31 1986; and

32 WHEREAS, Reverend Marion exhibited his love for Christ and
33 his fellowman through his affiliations, memberships and leadership
34 positions with several religious, educational, civic and
35 faith-based organizations and institutions, such as: Brotherhood
36 Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Memorial
37 Hospital, Furman University, Southern Baptist Theological
38 Seminary; and

39 WHEREAS, the legacy and memory of Reverend Lucius Brainard
40 Marion, Jr., will forever live on in the lives of all who knew and
41 loved him, particularly his survivors, including: wife, Mildred
42 Marion; daughters, Barbara A. Marion and Carol Marion Fullilove;
43 son, Charles F. Marion; six grandchildren and three
44 great-grandchildren; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Senate of the State of
46 Mississippi to commend outstanding Mississippians such as Reverend
47 Marion, whose positive influence and encouragement will always be
48 remembered:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life and
51 accomplishments of Reverend Lucius Brainard Marion, Jr., and
52 express our deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his
53 passing.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to the family of Reverend Lucius Brainard Marion, Jr.,
56 and members of the Capitol Press Corps.

