

By: Representative Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING REVEREND R. LEON
2 HOLLY UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS PASTOR OF VAIDEN BAPTIST CHURCH.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend R. Leon Holly has faithfully served as
4 Pastor of the Vaiden Baptist Church for nearly 20 years, and it is
5 with great honor and appreciation that we recognize his tireless,
6 selfless and remarkable service; and

7 WHEREAS, to show the great love and appreciation that the
8 congregation of Vaiden Baptist Church has for Reverend R. Leon
9 Holly, the members of the church commemorated his retirement by
10 presenting Reverend Holly and his wife, Geneva, with a new truck;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 27, 1986, Reverend Holly began
13 leading the flock at Vaiden Baptist Church and before beginning
14 pastoring at Vaiden Baptist Church Reverend Holly served at other
15 churches within Carroll County which include: New Bethel, Mt.
16 Olive, Mt. Pisgah and Minter Center Baptist Church; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Holly, an avid believer in education,
18 attended Delta State where he received a bachelor of arts degree
19 in history and Bible and a master's degree in school
20 administration, and he later attended Southwestern Seminary in
21 Fort Worth, Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, the Carroll County Association has benefited from
23 Reverend Holly's tireless contributions made to the association
24 which include: serving as a moderator, Sunday School Director,
25 Pastoral Ministry Director and Evangelism Director; and

26 WHEREAS, Reverend Holly has positively influenced countless
27 young minds in the school system where he served as principal of

28 Carroll Academy Elementary School, assistant principal of Bankston
29 Elementary School and as headmaster of Greenwood Private Junior
30 High and Presbyterian Day Schools; and

31 WHEREAS, throughout Reverend Holly's ministry he and his
32 ever-supporting wife, Geneva, of 44 years have spread the gospel
33 throughout the world which included mission trips to Indiana,
34 Honduras, Guatemala, and Costa Rica; and

35 WHEREAS, Reverend Holly, although retired, will continue to
36 spread the love of Jesus Christ as he continues his ministry as a
37 substitute pastor throughout the Carroll County area; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
39 recognize and commend an outstanding as well as noble individual,
40 such as Reverend Holly, who has contributed immensely to his
41 church and community:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and
44 congratulate Reverend R. Leon Holly upon his retirement as Pastor
45 of Vaiden Baptist Church and wish him continued success as he
46 continues to help churches in need as well as the community as a
47 whole.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
49 furnished to Reverend R. Leon Holly and members of the Capitol
50 Press Corps.