

By: Representatives Mayo, Jennings

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 52

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING PASTOR BARTHOLOMEW ORR FOR 25 YEARS  
2 OF SERVICE TO THE MINISTRY AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON THE GRAND  
3 OPENING OF A NEW BUILDING FOR BROWN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

4 WHEREAS, Pastor Bartholomew Orr has dedicated 25 years of his  
5 life to the ministry by unselfishly evangelizing the sinner,  
6 equipping the saints and exalting the Savior; and

7 WHEREAS, Brown Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the  
8 grand opening of a new church facility under the guidance of  
9 Pastor Orr; and

10 WHEREAS, Pastor Orr is married to the former Valarie R. Bates  
11 and to their beautiful union four children were born: Bartholomew  
12 II, Valiant Bates, Bradford Vincent and Brandon; and

13 WHEREAS, Pastor Orr began preaching at the age of 11, was  
14 licensed to preach in 1983, ordained in 1986 and elected as pastor  
15 of Brown Missionary Baptist Church in 1989; and

16 WHEREAS, under his spiritual leadership, the church has  
17 experienced tremendous growth both spiritually and numerically;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, as a youngster, Pastor Orr attended Southaven High  
20 School and went on to attain a bachelor of arts degree in  
21 humanities at Christian Brothers University; and

22 WHEREAS, his biblical training was gained at the Mid-America  
23 Baptist Theological Seminary where he received the Lifeway  
24 Pastoral Leadership Award; and

25 WHEREAS, not only does Pastor Orr serve the needs of the  
26 members of his church, he takes an active role in his community by

27 conducting revivals and speaking regularly at school and civic  
28 functions; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
30 recognize the contributions of spiritual leaders of the community  
31 such as Pastor Bartholomew Orr:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
34 commend Pastor Bartholomew Orr for 25 years of service to the  
35 ministry and congratulate him on the grand opening of a new  
36 building for Brown Missionary Baptist Church.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
38 furnished to Pastor Bartholomew Orr, Brown Missionary Baptist  
39 Church and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.