

By: Senator(s) White, Nunnelee, Michel,
Tollison, Jackson (15th), Chaney

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 563

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF JAMES M.
2 RICHARDSON, WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE
3 MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE
4 LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, James M. Richardson, 82, died on December 30, 2005,
6 in Madison, Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, Richardson was a veteran, serving with the 96th
8 Evacuation Hospital in Europe during World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from Mississippi College, and was
10 married to Narcissa Alexander Richardson for 57 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Richardson was a Pastor in Mississippi for over 40
12 years, pastoring Calvary Baptist Church, West Point, Mississippi;
13 First Baptist Church, Leland, Mississippi; and First Baptist
14 Church, Madison, Mississippi; and

15 WHEREAS, he was a trustee of several local, state and
16 national boards, including the Home Mission Board, the Foreign
17 Mission Board, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the
18 Baptist Memorial Hospital Board (Memphis, Tennessee) and the
19 Mississippi College Board of Trustees; and

20 WHEREAS, he served two terms as President of the Mississippi
21 Baptist Convention; and

22 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife; three sons and spouses:
23 Jay and Martha Richardson of Madison; Gary and Janet Richardson of
24 Oxford; and Ian and Annette Richardson of Madison; one daughter
25 (and spouse); Vivien and Keith Baty of Slidell, Louisiana; eight
26 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

27 WHEREAS, throughout his life and ministry, he was able to
28 touch many lives through his kindness, generosity and his love of

29 life. His gentle magnetism, honesty and sincerity attracted a
30 large circle of friends and co-workers; and

31 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this
32 well-known Mississippi spiritual leader:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
34 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
35 we do hereby commend the life of James M. Richardson, World War II
36 Veteran, Pastor and former President of the Mississippi Baptist
37 Convention, and express the sympathy of the Legislature on his
38 passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
40 the surviving family of Mr. Richardson and be made available to
41 the Capitol Press Corps.