

By: Senator(s) Fillingane, Caughman, Jackson To: Rules
(11th), Jackson (32nd)

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 545

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY MINISTERIAL
2 CAREER AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP OF PASTOR SONNY ADKINS OF MENDENHALL,
3 MISSISSIPPI, AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, in 1955, at the age of 20, Sonny Adkins answered the
5 call to be a Minister of the Gospel. He was licensed at Oakvale
6 Baptist Church; and

7 WHEREAS, after graduating from Prentiss High School, he
8 received degrees from William Carey College and New Orleans
9 Baptist Theological Seminary; and

10 WHEREAS, at the age of 21, he was called to his first
11 pastorate at Avery Baptist Church in Greene County. Other
12 Mississippi pastorates were: Centerville Baptist Church in
13 Tylertown, Edna Baptist Church in Columbia, Calvary Baptist Church
14 in Silver Creek, Rocky Creek Baptist Church in Lucedale, Newhebron
15 Baptist Church and Forest Baptist Church. He also pastored Spring
16 Hill Avenue Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, besides pastoring, Sonny was in full-time vocational
18 Evangelism for 8 years and was Evangelism Director of the



19 Mississippi Baptist Convention for 8 years. He has also done
20 numerous interim pastorates; and

21 WHEREAS, Sonny's preaching has led him all over the United
22 States and in the Countries of Brazil and Venezuela in South
23 America, Zimbabwe in Africa, and Japan; and

24 WHEREAS, besides being active in associational and state
25 convention activities, Sonny has been very active in community
26 activities wherever he and his wife, Jean, lived. He served
27 leadership roles in Civitan, Lions and Rotary Clubs; and

28 WHEREAS, Sonny and Jean have been married for 54 years. They
29 have two sons, Scott and Eric, and four grandchildren; and

30 WHEREAS, Pastor Adkins has been a respected advocate for the
31 less fortunate among us and an example to others of how to live
32 your convictions with courage; and it is with great pride that we
33 pay tribute to this most public-spirited spiritual leader of
34 Mississippi:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
37 we do hereby recognize the exemplary ministerial career and civic
38 leadership of Pastor Sonny Adkins of Mendenhall, Mississippi.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
40 Pastor Adkins and his family and made available to the Capitol
41 Press Corps.

