

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING HOPEWELL
2 BAPTIST CHURCH UPON THE MOMENTOUS OCCASION OF ITS 190TH
3 ANNIVERSARY.

4 WHEREAS, Hopewell Baptist Church, a historic religious
5 institution established on February 2, 1828, is celebrating the
6 splendid occasion of its 190th anniversary; and

7 WHEREAS, founded on the banks of the Pearl River near the
8 mouth of Brushy Creek in Copiah County, Mississippi, the church
9 has been at its current location since 1922, and it will celebrate
10 its 190th anniversary on February 4, 2018, at its annual
11 Homecoming festivities; and

12 WHEREAS, Hopewell Baptist Church has grown tremendously
13 throughout the decades, in physical structure and membership and
14 in its work with missions, and throughout the church's history,
15 its members have served the Lord under the illustrious guidance of
16 many devout pastors, and while the community, the congregation and
17 even the landscape have transformed in the past 190 years, the



18 message of love and mercy taught from the Good Book has remained
19 the same; and

20 WHEREAS, as a vital part of the Hopewell community, Hopewell
21 Baptist Church has been a valued and trusted institution since its
22 inception in 1828, withstanding the ever-changing dynamics
23 surrounding it by being firmly rooted and grounded in its biblical
24 principles, and it has continued in its longstanding tradition of
25 empowering countless families and others through the teachings of
26 the gospel; and

27 WHEREAS, Hopewell Baptist Church has stood through many
28 changing and challenging times, always serving as a spiritual
29 beacon to its members and its community, being truly founded on
30 faith, hope and love, and after 190 years it continues to be a
31 source of spiritual empowerment for its members, the citizens of
32 Copiah County, and the surrounding communities; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
34 and commend outstanding historic religious institutions such as
35 Hopewell Baptist Church, which strives continuously to promote the
36 spread and growth of the Christian faith and make a positive
37 impact throughout the State of Mississippi:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
40 THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate Hopewell Baptist Church
41 on its 190th anniversary and wish the church continued growth and
42 prosperity for many years to come.



43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to Hopewell Baptist Church and to the members of the
45 Capitol Press Corps.

