

By: Senator(s) Frazier, Blount, Dearing,
Jackson (32nd), Norwood, Simmons (12th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF SERVICE TO CHURCH AND
2 COMMUNITY OF DR. HICKMAN M. JOHNSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 50TH
3 ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF HISTORIC FARISH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH IN
4 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, we join the congregation of Historic Farish Street
6 Baptist Church in honoring the 50th Anniversary of Pastor Dr.
7 Hickman M. Johnson, whose great and good spirit and remarkable
8 intellect has enriched the lives of his students, colleagues and
9 church membership; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Hickman M. Johnson was born in Memphis,
11 Tennessee. Dr. Johnson has a Bachelor of Science Degree from
12 Tennessee State University, Master of Divinity Degree from
13 Morehouse School of Religion-Interdenominational Theological
14 Center, Master of Arts Degree from Mississippi College, and Doctor
15 of Ministry Degree from Emory University; and

16 WHEREAS, from 1967 to 1968, Dr. Johnson served as Chaplin at
17 Tougaloo College; and in August 1968, he accepted the pastorate of
18 the Historic Farish Street Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi.
19 From 1970 to 1975, while still serving the pastorate of Farish



20 Street Baptist Church, Dr. Johnson directed the Jackson
21 Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), a nonprofit
22 community-based jobs training program. In October 1976, he was
23 appointed Regional Director of the Atlanta region of OICs of
24 America with responsibility for twenty-eight local affiliates in
25 an eight-state region. In June 1977, Dr. Johnson resigned as
26 Regional Director of OIC to give more time to a demanding
27 pastorate; and

28 WHEREAS, from November 1981 to January 1989, Dr. Johnson
29 served as Dean of Academic Affairs, Mississippi Baptist Seminary.
30 On January 1, 1989, he was elected President of Mississippi
31 Baptist Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi, serving in that capacity
32 until November 2004. From February 1991 to May 1991, Dr. Johnson
33 served as Interim Executive Director, Jackson Housing Authority.
34 In January 1994, he was reappointed Interim Executive Director;
35 and in June 1994, he was appointed as Executive Director, Jackson
36 Housing Authority; and served until October 2000. Under his
37 leadership, the Jackson Housing Authority received several awards
38 and recognitions, including the Secretary's Citation and Best
39 Practice Award for its Affordable Homeownership Program. In May
40 2001, Dr. Johnson was appointed Interim Executive Director, Tupelo
41 Housing Authority; and in December 2001, he accepted the
42 appointment as Executive Director, serving until August 2004. In
43 June 2004, he accepted the position of Executive Director,
44 Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VI; and



45 WHEREAS, he is extremely active in the church and communit,
46 having served as Chairman, Mississippi Religious Leadership
47 Conference (MRLC); Chairman, MRLC Disaster Task Force;
48 Co-Chairman, Change in the Form of Government Committee, a Blue
49 Ribbon Citizens' Committee appointed by the Mayor to recommend
50 changes in Jackson's commission form of government; Chairman,
51 Seminole District Committee, Boy Scouts of America; Member,
52 Executive Board, Andrew Jackson Council, Boy Scouts of America;
53 Member, Southern Ecumenical Council on Maternal and Infant Health
54 of the Southern Governors' Association; Member, Seminole District
55 Committee, Boy Scouts of America; Moderator, Jackson District
56 Missionary Baptist Association, Inc., 1988-1994; Corresponding
57 Secretary, General Baptist State Convention of Mississippi,
58 1988-1994; Member, Theological Commission, National Baptist
59 Convention, USA, Inc., 1971-1990; Commissioner, City of Jackson
60 Housing Authority, 1969-1991; and Chairman, City of Jackson
61 Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, 1990-1991. Dr. Johnson
62 is Administrator, Ministries' Divisions and Faculty Member,
63 National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; Board of
64 Directors, General Baptist State Convention of Mississippi;
65 Member, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment
66 Officials (NAHRO); Member, Public Housing Authorities Directors'
67 Association (PHADA); Member, Southeastern Regional, Housing and
68 Redevelopment Officials; Member, Phi Delta Kappa Professional



Fraternity; Member, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated; and
Member, Beta Gamma Boule, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his service to the church and
community, he was awarded honorary degrees from Natchez College,
Doctorate of Divinity and Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Doctorate
of Divinity. Dr. Johnson received the Mississippi Religious
Leadership Conference's Distinguished Religious Leaders' Award,
the 1990 Boy Scouts of America District Award of Merit, New
Horizon Church International, 2008 Community Servant Award, and
the 2012 Fannie Lou Hamer Humanitarian Award, presented by the
Hamer Institute, Jackson State University. Dr. Johnson is a
member of the International Society of Theta Phi and is listed in
Personalities of the South, 1973 edition, and *Biographical
Directory of Negro Ministers*, third edition, and a Contributor,
Townsend Commentary, 1988-1989. He is the Author of *Farewell, My
Friends: A Book of Eulogies and Tributes*, published by Trafford
Press, 2010; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we pay tribute to this
most public-spirited Christian leader in the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize the legacy of service to
church and community of Dr. Hickman M. Johnson on the occasion of
his 50th Anniversary as Pastor of Historic Farish Street Baptist
Church in Jackson, Mississippi, and extend to Dr. Johnson and his
family our best wishes on this auspicious occasion.



94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
95 Dr. Johnson and to Farish Street Baptist Church at his 50th
96 Anniversary Celebration, and made available to the Capitol Press
97 Corps.

