

By: Representatives Bain, Anthony, Beckett,
Carpenter, Chism, Holland, Huddleston,
Mangold, Miles, Oliver, Rogers (14th), Haney

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. JIM FUTRAL,
2 UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD
3 AFTER 21 YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE AS THE EXECUTIVE
4 DIRECTOR-TREASURER.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Futral, the Executive Director-Treasurer of
6 the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will retire on October
7 31, 2019, after 21 years of devoted service; and

8 WHEREAS, he was serving as a pastor with Broadmoor Baptist
9 Church when, in the summer of 1998, he was invited to the position
10 as Executive Director-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist
11 Convention Board; and

12 WHEREAS, upon acceptance of the invitation, he was welcomed
13 by the board with a unanimous vote of confidence, and began a new
14 journey on September 1, 1998, when he began this tremendous task
15 that would stretch a span of 21 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Futral has sought to be a blessing to the many
17 congregations that he has met during his time in this esteemed
18 position, and has enjoyed meeting the needs of numerous churches



19 and the many servants of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, his heart for God was ignited early in life as he
22 became saved at the tender age of nine, was called to preach at
23 the age of 18, became licensed to preach in 1963 and ordained in
24 1964; and

25 WHEREAS, hungry to preach the word of God to multitudes, soon
26 after his ordination, he began pastoring in 1964 and continued to
27 pastor at various churches as a "well sought out" pastor until
28 1998, when he was called to minister in a different capacity as
29 the Executive Director-Treasurer; and

30 WHEREAS, as a minister of the Gospel, he pastored Whittentown
31 Baptist Church, Ripley, Mississippi (1964-1965), Pleasant Ridge
32 Baptist Church, New Albany, Mississippi (1965-1967), First Baptist
33 Church, Verona, Mississippi (1967-1971), First Baptist Church,
34 Briar, Texas (1971-1972), Antioch Baptist Church, Columbus,
35 Mississippi (1972-1974), Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Gulfport,
36 Mississippi (1974-1978), First Baptist Church, Amory, Mississippi
37 (1978-1981), North Fort Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas
38 (1981-1985), Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi
39 (1985-1998); and

40 WHEREAS, he has also been celebrated by his peers while
41 serving as pastor and Executive Director-Treasurer as evidenced by
42 his awards of Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Blue Mountain
43 College (1989), Order of the Golden Arrow Award, Mississippi



44 College (1989), Distinguished Alumni Award, New Orleans Baptist
45 Theological Seminary (1990), Honorary Doctor of Divinity from
46 William Carey University (2009) and Honorary Doctor of Divinity
47 from Mississippi College (2014); and

48 WHEREAS, upon announcing his retirement, Dr. Futral quoted
49 Galatians 4:4 stating, "Paul tells us that in the "fullness of
50 time" or when the time was just right, Jesus came. For me, the
51 fullness of time has come...to go. All beginnings have an end and
52 all endings have a beginning..."; and

53 WHEREAS, throughout his many endeavors to serve, he has been
54 supported by his loving wife, Shirley Fay and their three
55 children, Melodi, Rob and Mysti, eight grandchildren: Madi, Trea,
56 Ridge, Rivers, Banks, Coleman, Mary Lamar and Clay; and

57 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
58 honor the service of men of God such as Dr. Jim Futral, who
59 answered God's calling upon their lives and spent their lives
60 fervently preaching the word and doing the good works of Jesus:

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
62 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
63 commend and congratulate Dr. Jim Futral, upon his retirement from
64 the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board after 21 years of devoted
65 service as Executive Director-Treasurer.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
67 furnished to Dr. Jim Futral and to the members of the Capitol
68 Press Corps.

