

By: Senator(s) Frazier, Butler (38th),  
Jackson (11th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

1 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING AND CELEBRATING THE QUADRENNIAL  
2 SERVICE OF BISHOP C. JAMES KING, JR., OF THE FOURTH EPISCOPAL  
3 DISTRICT OF THE CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND  
4 COMMENDING HIS CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, we join the congregation of the Fourth Episcopal  
6 District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME) in  
7 celebrating the Quadrennial Service of Bishop C. James King, Jr. ;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Bishop C. James King, Jr., was elected the 63rd  
10 Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on the fourth  
11 ballot on July 1, 2014, in Baltimore, Maryland. He was assigned  
12 to the Eleventh Episcopal District. At the 2018 General  
13 Conference, Bishop King was assigned to the Fourth Episcopal  
14 District, which includes the States of Mississippi and Louisiana ;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the eldest of twelve children, Bishop King was born  
17 May 15, 1948, in Columbus, Georgia, to Charles James King, Sr.,  
18 and Ruthie Mae Middlebrooks King. He was raised by his  
19 grandparents, Horace and Zadie Mae Middlebrooks. Bishop King



20 received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Paine College, Augusta,  
21 Georgia (1974), with a Major in History; Master of Divinity Degree  
22 from The Interdenominational Theological Center (Phillips School  
23 of Theology) in Old Testament (1979); and he earned the Doctor of  
24 Ministry Degree from Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio  
25 (1994), in Educational Administration with a special concentration  
26 in developing programs of self-help for economically disadvantaged  
27 children, youth and young adults; and

28 WHEREAS, Bishop C. James King, Jr., has been in the ministry  
29 for 56 years. He has pastored congregations in Georgia (Murray  
30 Memorial, Covington); Washington, D.C., (Bunton Institutional);  
31 Kentucky (Brown Memorial, Louisville); Indiana (Trinity,  
32 Indianapolis and Murchison Tabernacle, Indianapolis); and Ohio  
33 (Peoples Community, Dayton; Phillips Memorial, Cincinnati; and St.  
34 Phillips, Hamilton); and

35 WHEREAS, his administrative experiences included serving as  
36 Presiding Elder of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in the  
37 Cincinnati-Dayton-Indianapolis District in the Ohio-Central  
38 Indiana Region for twelve years. He also served in the Second  
39 Episcopal District as the Episcopal Director of faith-based and  
40 community-based ministries. Bishop King was a member of the  
41 General Board of Personnel Services for 24 years and was serving  
42 as its Vice Chair when elected Bishop; and

43 WHEREAS, Bishop King is also the Founder, President and CEO  
44 of Project One, Inc., a faith-based, not-for-profit corporation.



45 The Project One, Inc., Ministry has helped over 15,000 youths  
46 become engaged in meaningful summer employment and after-school  
47 programs. Bishop King has raised enormous amounts of funding to  
48 support youth services for Project One, Inc. Some of the programs  
49 he has developed are: the Job Annual Summer Jobs Campaign, the  
50 Summer Earning and Enrichment Program, the Fatherhood Program, the  
51 Talented and Gifted Scholars (TAG) Program, and his latest, the  
52 After School University at the Alice Lucille Martin Educational  
53 Academy; and

54 WHEREAS, Bishop King is the former Chair of the Board of  
55 Trustees for the Interdenominational Theological Center, the first  
56 CME Preacher who has served as the chair of this board. He was  
57 instrumental in raising funds for the school's budget, working  
58 with the board in any and all administrative capacities, which  
59 included the hiring of a new president for the school; and

60 WHEREAS, we pay tribute to the leadership, stewardship and  
61 enormous civic energy of a respected Christian gentleman:

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
63 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commemorate and celebrate the  
64 Quadrennial Service of Bishop C. James King, Jr., of the Fourth  
65 Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
66 (CME) and commend his Christian Leadership.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
68 Bishop King and his family, forwarded to the Fourth Episcopal



69 District of the CME Church and made available to the Capitol Press  
70 Corps.

