

By: Representative Clarke

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING REVEREND DR. LISA  
2 ALLEN-MCLAURIN UPON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITIONS OF MUSIC  
3 SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE AND INTERIM CHORAL DIRECTOR AT THE AMERICAN  
4 CHURCH IN PARIS, FRANCE.

5 WHEREAS, we join the Reverend Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin's  
6 family, friends, congregation and colleagues in honoring her upon  
7 her appointment as the Music Scholar-in-Residence and Interim  
8 Choral Director at the American Church in Paris, France; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Allen-McLaurin is an Emmy and Webby  
10 award-winning pastor, professor and public theologian who serves  
11 as the Coordinator of Practical Ministries for the Sixth Episcopal  
12 District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and she also  
13 serves as the Helmar Emil Nielsen Professor of Church Music and  
14 Worship and Degree Coordinator for the Master of Arts in  
15 Liturgical Arts and Culture at the Interdenominational Theological  
16 Center in Atlanta, Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Allen-McLaurin holds bachelor's,  
18 master's, and doctoral degrees in piano and music education from  
19 Millsaps College and the University of Southern Mississippi, and



20 she also holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School  
21 of Theology at Emory University; and

22 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Allen-McLaurin is the author of three  
23 books, including: *A Womanist Theology of Worship: Liturgy,*  
24 *Justice, and Communal Righteousness* (2021); *Development Comes*  
25 *Before Deliverance: A 9-Week Sermon Series and Bible Study on the*  
26 *Book of Exodus* (2018); and *Worship Matters! A Collection of Essays*  
27 *on the Practical and Spiritual Discipline of Worship* (2015); and

28 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
29 recognize outstanding individuals, especially those such as  
30 Reverend Dr. Allen-McLaurin, whose musical excellence and devotion  
31 to her faith brings honor to the State of Mississippi:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
34 commend and congratulate Reverend Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin upon her  
35 appointment to the positions of Music Scholar-in-Residence and  
36 Interim Choral Director at the American Church in Paris, France,  
37 and extend to her our best wishes for continued success in all her  
38 future endeavors.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
40 Reverend Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin, forwarded to the  
41 Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and  
42 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

