

By: Representative Paden

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MT. MORIAH
2 MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 122ND
3 ANNIVERSARY, ACKNOWLEDGING THE CELEBRATION OF 122 YEARS OF DEVOUT
4 FAITH AND SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE.

5 WHEREAS, organized on March 14, 1901, under the capable
6 leadership of the late Reverend John Roberson, Mt. Moriah
7 Missionary Baptist Church, which has remained under the guidance
8 of several spiritual leaders, including the likes of the late
9 Reverend B.M. Miller, will celebrate the auspicious occasion of
10 its 122nd year anniversary of its founding; and

11 WHEREAS, Mt. Moriah remains a community pillar and haven for
12 the spiritual nourishing of souls, both young and old, who cherish
13 the rich history and traditions of the founding predecessors of
14 their edifice of Christian worship from the laying of the first
15 cornerstone in 1901; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1932 and for a period of 10 years, Mt. Moriah was
17 under the spiritual leadership of the late Reverend Scott, before
18 being placed under new spiritual guidance of the late Reverends L.
19 L. Laws and J.W. Wims in 1942, and at the conclusion of their



20 appointed years of service Reverend Percy Jackson took the mantle
21 of spiritual leadership from 1957 through 1964; and

22 WHEREAS, even in the midst of disaster, on one tragic night
23 in 1962, the church was completely destroyed by a fire, yet the
24 members, with an unshakable faith, continued Sunday worship
25 services through the gracious generosity of Beautiful Zion
26 Missionary Baptist Church, which opened its doors to the Mt.
27 Moriah Church Family until the church was rebuilt and completed
28 April 17, 1964; and

29 WHEREAS, as the years progressed, Reverend J.C. Curley was
30 appointed to the pastoral office in 1964 and served until his
31 death on April 24, 1980, leaving the church without a spiritual
32 shepherd for three months until the installation of Reverend
33 Clarence H. Grainger, under whose leadership the church
34 experienced exponential growth in many ways until his passing in
35 December 1993; and

36 WHEREAS, again, Mt. Moriah found itself without a pastor for
37 a period of six months until the Reverend Leroy Carter came and
38 administered spiritual guidance from July 1994 until September
39 1996; and

40 WHEREAS, having maintained the resolve to worship and serve
41 God by being a blessing and of service to others, Mt. Moriah was
42 blessed in April 1997 with the leadership and installation of
43 Reverend Anthony Nollie, under whose leadership the groundbreaking
44 ceremony for the new edifice of worship was held on May 21, 2002,



45 before the facility was completed in 2004, while again accepting
46 the benevolence of Beautiful Zion Missionary Baptist Church, which
47 opened its doors for the congregation to worship; and

48 WHEREAS, God, in his divine providence, called Reverend
49 Nollie to eternal rest in May 2007, yet the valiant men and women
50 of Mt. Moriah kept the faith through trials and tribulation, gave
51 light in a dark world, peace to the troubled, compassion to the
52 weary and love to all God's children, persevered until August
53 2008, when God anointed Reverend Gregory U. Banks to pastor the
54 flock until his presence was required in Heaven's inner courts in
55 December 2020; and

56 WHEREAS, in July 2021, the plan of God continued to prosper
57 as Elder Emmanuel L. Boone, Sr., was called to lead the flock and
58 continue amplifying and edifying God's kingdom by empowering the
59 congregation of Mt. Moriah to be real disciples of Christ, living
60 in holiness, and worshipping in spirit and truth; and

61 WHEREAS, Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church continues its
62 journey of reaching souls for the Lord Jesus Christ as it remains
63 a dedicated place of worship for many in Coahoma County; and

64 WHEREAS, with excitement, humility and awe, Mt. Moriah
65 Missionary Baptist Church looks back on its past achievements, and
66 with sincere thankfulness acknowledges God's grace and love, which
67 have brought them through the years and have given them triumphant
68 victory; and



69 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
70 recognize and commend outstanding and contributory religious
71 institutions such as Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, which
72 continues to be a cornerstone in Scott County as it strives
73 continuously to promote the spread and growth of the Christian
74 faith through the keeping of the Great Commission by becoming
75 fishers of men:

76 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
77 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
78 commend and congratulate the diligence of the pastors and members
79 of Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of the
80 church's 122nd year anniversary and extend warmest wishes for
81 continued prosperity, spiritual growth and success.

82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
83 furnished to Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church and to the
84 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

