

By: Representative Scott

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING REVEREND WILFORD EARL
2 BRIDGES UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS 20TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY AT
3 HOSANNA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

4 WHEREAS, it is with much love, appreciation and gratitude
5 that Reverend Wilford Earl Bridges is celebrated, saluted and
6 honored upon his 20th pastoral anniversary at Hosanna Missionary
7 Baptist Church, a truly momentous occasion; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of Ellisville, Mississippi, Reverend
9 Bridges is a graduate of South Jones High School, the University
10 of Mississippi, and Southeastern Baptist College; and

11 WHEREAS, Reverend Bridges is the founder and pastor of
12 Hosanna Missionary Baptist Church in Laurel, Mississippi, and has
13 been preaching God's Word for 34 years and pastoring for 33 years;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, a pastor of honor and grace, Reverend Bridges's
16 giftedness, ability to lead with distinction, humble spirit,
17 charismatic nature, gracious attitude and intellectual abilities
18 are what makes him an outstanding ministerial leader at Hosanna,



19 and his flock can all attest to the fact that no matter what life
20 brings his way, he is always willing and ready with a servant's
21 heart to bring comfort, lend a word of encouragement, teach and
22 bring a Word from the Lord; and

23 WHEREAS, outside of his ministerial duties, Reverend Bridges
24 valiantly served his country in Operation Desert Storm and Desert
25 Shield as a member of the U.S. Army National Guard; and

26 WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Reverend Bridges is married
27 to Mrs. Janice Brown Bridges, an administrator with the Laurel
28 School District, and is a beloved father and Papa to his
29 grandchildren; and

30 WHEREAS, as an anointed man of God with a true heart of gold,
31 there are many nights when Reverend Bridges goes before the Lord
32 in prayer, and the many sacrifices that he has made, and his
33 heartfelt love for those he has ministered to has never waivered;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
36 recognize and commend outstanding community and church leaders,
37 especially those such as Reverend Bridges, who certainly inspires
38 everyone he meets and whose faith illuminates the path of hope for
39 everyone he encounters along his earthly sojourn:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
42 recognize and commend Reverend Wilford Earl Bridges upon his 20th
43 pastoral anniversary at Hosanna Missionary Baptist Church, and



44 express sincere wishes for continued success in all his future
45 endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
47 furnished to Reverend Wilford Earl Bridges and to the members of
48 the Capitol Press Corps.

