

By: Representative Broomfield

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. JOHN WESLEY DAVIS, SR., ON THE
2 CELEBRATION OF HIS 18TH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF THE GREATER
3 ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. John Wesley Davis, Sr., will be celebrating his
5 18th Anniversary as Pastor of the Greater Antioch Missionary
6 Baptist Church in Pascagoula, Mississippi, on March 28, 1999; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis, son of Mrs. Mary Davis and the late Mr.
8 Willie Davis, was born on August 10, 1934, in Laurel, Mississippi,
9 and graduated from Oak Park High School; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis furthered his education at Jackson State
11 University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in music before
12 attending the American Bible College in Kansas City, Missouri,
13 where he received a bachelor's degree in Bible philosophy, a
14 master's degree in Bible philosophy and a doctorate degree in
15 divinity; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis was ordained at Mount Enon Missionary
17 Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, under the pastorage of Dr. Thomas
18 D. Howard; and

19 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Dr. Davis has ministered to
20 several churches in the State of Mississippi, including Mount
21 Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville, Concord Missionary
22 Baptist Church in Forest, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in
23 Laurel and New West Point Missionary Baptist Church in Waynesboro;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Dr. Davis is a
26 member of numerous organizations, including the NAACP, the SCLC,

the Advisory Board of the Jackson County Youth Court, Jackson County Salvation Army Domestic Violence Task Force and the Jackson County Extension Advisory Council of the Mississippi State University Extension Board and served as a former trustee of the M.I. College and Institute, organizer and former President of the Interdenominational Conference in Pascagoula and President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance in Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Davis has received several awards during his long and distinguished career, such as the Louis Peyton Humanitarian Award, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Meritorious Spiritual Outreach Award, the Mississippi Jack Scroll of Merit Award, the Jackson County Mississippi Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Minister of the Year and the Moss Point/Jackson County Mississippi Youth Court Volunteer Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Davis also has been selected to the Who's Who Among Black Americans and Who's Who in the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., and is an internationally known recording artist; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Dr. Davis is also a member of many professional associations, including the Ministers Council and the Board of Directors for the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., President of the New Education State Convention of Mississippi, Vice President of the New Educational State Congress of Mississippi and Parliamentarian of the Shiloh District Association of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Davis has been lovingly supported in all his endeavors by his faithful wife, the former Virgie Louise Sumlin, and their children, Reverend John W. Davis, Jr., and Maurice B. Davis; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend such outstanding Mississippians as Dr. Davis, who has dedicated his life to sharing the love of Jesus Christ:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. John Wesley Davis, Sr., on the celebration of his 18th Anniversary as Pastor of the Greater

64 Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and extend to him our heartiest
65 wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

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