

By: Senator(s) Frazier

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND DR. VERA MAE CHAMBERS FOR HER  
2 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO HER CHURCH, HER COMMUNITY, AND HER  
3 MANY STUDENTS.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Vera Mae Chambers, 82, of Wiggins Street in  
5 Jackson, Mississippi, was a retired teacher; and

6 WHEREAS, Vera was the fourth child born to the late Baxter  
7 Charles Chambers and Elvira Dickey Chambers on March 23, 1916; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers died of heart failure February 27th at  
9 the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers was a native of Wiggins, Mississippi,  
11 who attended Stone County Training School; and

12 WHEREAS, she received a bachelor of science degree in  
13 elementary education from Jackson State University, a masters  
14 degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, an Ed.Sp. from  
15 Jackson State University, and an honorary doctorate from Natchez  
16 College; and

17 WHEREAS, she taught in the Counties of Stone, Harrison, Perry  
18 and Hinds prior to teaching for 35 years in the Jackson Public  
19 Schools; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers holds life membership in the Jackson  
21 State University national and local alumni associations, the  
22 Indiana University National Alumni Association, the Mississippi  
23 Association of Educators, the National Education Association and  
24 many community and civic organizations; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers was a member of Pearlie Grove  
26 Missionary Baptist Church on Grand Avenue, where she served

27 faithfully as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, church clerk  
28 and church treasurer, as well as various other jobs, until her  
29 health failed; and

30 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by four brothers and four  
31 sisters; and

32 WHEREAS, her survivors include her godson, Jesse Chambers,  
33 Jr., brothers Wiley Chambers of Memphis, Tennessee, Kernevis  
34 Chambers of Wiggins and Jesse L. Chambers, Sr., of Hattiesburg,  
35 and sisters Thelma Chambers of Wiggins, Patient Thomas of Gulfport  
36 and Olivia Vanerson and Elvenia Harrison of Jackson, as well as  
37 ten nieces, seven nephews and a host of great-nieces and  
38 great-nephews; and

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers was an inspiration to the people of her  
40 community, as well as to all the students whose lives she touched;  
41 and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this body to commend the  
43 achievements of the native sons and daughters of this state:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Dr. Vera Mae Chambers for a  
46 life lived uprightly and as an example to all, and extend the  
47 thanks of a grateful state for the contributions she made so  
48 unstintingly, especially to the children who were her students.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
50 presented to the family of Dr. Chambers.