

By: Flagg

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING REVEREND RICHARD G. BURNS
2 UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Richard G. Burns, a great servant of God,
4 has retired as pastor of New Mt. Elem Missionary Baptist Church
5 after 32 years of dedicated service; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns, son of the late Bertha Anderson
7 Burns and the late Alexander Judge Burns, was born on February 28,
8 1908, in Vicksburg, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns received his education from the
10 Warren County Public Schools and graduated from the Mississippi
11 Baptist Seminary, where he earned a bachelor of theology and a
12 master's in theological studies; and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns accepted God's call to the ministry
14 and was ordained as a minister in December 1945; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1951, Reverend Burns was elected as the pastor of
16 Revelation Baptist Church and pastor of Mt. Elem Baptist Church in
17 1968; and

18 WHEREAS, during his tenure at Mt. Elem Baptist Church,
19 Reverend Burns worked tirelessly to ensure the construction of a
20 new worship building, which is now known as New Mt. Elem
21 Missionary Baptist Church; and

22 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns, at 91 years old, is still an active
23 and vital member of his community, serving as Moderator of the
24 Warren County District Association, Worshipful Master of St.
25 Peter's Lodge #5, Secretary of Overcome Lodge #1, Patron of St.
26 Mary's Chapter #2 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Grand

27 Secretary of the M.W. Successful Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M., Board
28 Member of Parkview Regional Home Health, former President of the
29 Warren County Sunday School Institute and Convention, a founding
30 Board Member and former Secretary of the Vicksburg Center of the
31 Mississippi Baptist Seminary, former recording Secretary of the
32 Warren County Baptist Association, former board member of the YMCA
33 and former board member of the Fisher Ferry Water Club; and

34 WHEREAS, in addition, Reverend Burns has participated in the
35 General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi and the
36 National Baptist Convention, the Vicksburg's Minister's Alliance
37 and served on the Advisory Council for the Mississippi Action for
38 Progress/Head Start Program; and

39 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns has been lovingly supported in all
40 his endeavors by his late wife, Estella Parson Burns, their nine
41 children, 36 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and 5
42 great-great-grandchildren; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
44 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Reverend Burns, who
45 has dedicated his career to ministering to the people in his
46 community:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
49 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Reverend
50 Richard G. Burns upon his retirement from the ministry and extend
51 to him our heartiest wishes for good health, happiness, peace and
52 joy.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
54 furnished to Reverend Richard G. Burns and to the members of the
55 Capitol Press Corps.