

## House Resolution No. 999

**Whereas**, it is with profound pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge the presence of a great spiritual leader at a milestone event in the history of an illustrious Show-Me State religious institution with which he has enjoyed a long association; and

**Whereas**, from April 24 through April 26, 2003, Bishop Paul A. Stewart, Sr., from St. Louis, Missouri, of the Third Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will preside over the organization's Spring Convocation which will take place at the Hyatt-Regency Crown Center in Kansas City; and

**Whereas**, elected the fiftieth Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on July 1, 1998, Bishop Paul Stewart was born on June 21, 1941, in Baldwin, Mississippi, as the youngest of six children; and

**Whereas**, early in life Bishop Paul Stewart showed academic promise which was borne out later through his successful completion of the rigorous requirements for a Master of Divinity degree from Phillips School of Theology of the Interdenominational Theological Center; Master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi; Doctor of Divinity degree from Reed School of Religion in Los Angeles, California; and a Doctorate of Humane Letters from Miles College in Birmingham, Alabama; and

**Whereas**, Bishop Stewart broadened his knowledge and skills through additional studies at the United States Military Academy for Chaplains at Staten Island, New York; with Clinical Pastoral Education Training for Ministers at Fort Hood, Texas; and through completion of courses at the University of Alabama for ministering to cancer patients; and

**Whereas**, Bishop Stewart has developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for his labors related to community, ecumenical, civic, social, and civil rights affairs and for his outstanding involvement in numerous religious and secular organizations:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to extend to Bishop Paul Stewart a heartfelt welcome to the state of Missouri and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for a highly productive Spring Convocation of the Third Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church during sessions to be conducted at the Hyatt-Regency Crown Center in Kansas City; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Bishop Paul A. Stewart, Sr., as an expression of our respect and esteem for him and his diverse spiritual undertakings.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks  
 District No. 37

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 999, adopted March 20, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker