

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 385

Congratulating the Reverend Clay Evans of Chicago, Illinois, on the occasion
of his retirement.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 7 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. FITZGERALD) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Reverend Clay Evans of Chicago, Illinois,
on the occasion of his retirement.

Whereas the Reverend Clay Evans was ordained as a Baptist
minister 50 years ago, in 1950, and founded and served
as the Pastor of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist
Church in Chicago, Illinois, for 49 years;

Whereas Reverend Evans has been happily married to Lutha
Mae Hollinshed Evans for over 50 years, and with her
is the proud parent of five children;

Whereas Reverend Evans has been responsible for helping
launch the ministerial careers of 93 individuals, including
6 female ministers;

Whereas Reverend Evans received Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degrees from Arkansas Baptist College and Brewster Theological Clinic and School of Religion;

Whereas Reverend Evans has been an active participant in the Civil Rights Movement since 1965;

Whereas Reverend Evans is the founding National Board Chairman of Operation P.U.S.H. and currently serves as its Chairman Emeritus;

Whereas Reverend Evans is Founding President of the Broadcast Ministers Alliance of Chicago, Founding President of the African American Religious Connection, Trustee Board Chairman of Chicago Baptist Institute, and Board member of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.;

Whereas Reverend Evans is a featured soloist on numerous albums of the 250 Voice Choir of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and 1996 Stellar Award winner of the #1 Gospel Album “I’ve Got A Testimony”; and

Whereas Reverend Evans authored a 1992 autobiographical book, *From Plough Handle to Pulpit*, which sold thousands of copies and was rewritten in 1997: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Reverend Clay Evans on
3 his retirement as Pastor of the Fellowship Mis-
4 sionary Baptist Church;

5 (2) acknowledges the affection that Reverend
6 Evans’ congregation shares for him; and

1 (3) extends its best wishes to Reverend Evans
2 and his family on the occasion of his retirement.

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