

By: Representatives Bourdeaux, Young,
Robinson (84th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 149

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. RICHARD RILEY FOR
2 RECEIVING THE 1999 MERIDIAN STAR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Riley, a resident of Meridian,
4 Mississippi, has been named the 1999 Meridian Star Citizen of the
5 Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Riley, a 1948 graduate of Vanderbilt
7 University's School of Medicine, served an internship in surgery
8 at the University of Virginia Hospital before serving as a medical
9 officer in the United States Army; and

10 WHEREAS, after his release from active military duty, Dr.
11 Riley resumed his residency at the University of Virginia before
12 returning to Meridian in the private practice of surgery; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Riley, along with his brother, Dr. William
14 Riley, sold Riley Memorial Hospital, a hospital founded by their
15 father, Franklin Gail Riley, who was the first pediatrician in
16 Mississippi; and

17 WHEREAS, after the sale of the hospital in 1997, the brothers
18 established the Riley Foundation, which has helped improve the
19 quality of life for individuals and the Meridian community as a
20 whole; and

21 WHEREAS, in January 1999, Dr. Riley, Chairman of the Riley
22 Foundation, announced grant awards totaling \$329,888.00 to allow
23 six Meridian and Lauderdale County organizations to implement
24 programs that promise long-term benefits for the area; and

25 WHEREAS, grant recipients include organizations such as the
26 Community of Hope Tutoring Program, Aldersgate Retirement

27 Community Youth Excitement Team, Inc., Care Lodge Domestic
28 Violence Shelter, Multi-County Community Service Agency's Families
29 First Resource Center and the Meridian Fire Department; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Riley's vision is to support programs that
31 present the opportunity to provide a positive impact and provide
32 training and resources that contribute to the Meridian community;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
35 and commend such outstanding Mississippians as Dr. Richard Riley,
36 whose generosity has touched the lives of the citizens in
37 Meridian:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
40 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Richard
41 Riley for receiving the 1999 Meridian Star Citizen of the Year and
42 express our deepest appreciation for the hard work and generosity
43 of the Riley Foundation.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to Dr. Richard Riley and members of the Capitol Press
46 Corps.