

By: Senator(s) Thames

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING DR. CHARLES HARRELL  
2 WEATHERSBY FOR HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ASSISTING THE MENTALLY  
3 ILL IN MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Harrell Weathersby grew up in McComb,  
5 Mississippi, and graduated from McComb High School, received the  
6 baccalaureate degree from the University of Mississippi, master's  
7 degree from Tulane University, Master of Social Work and Doctor of  
8 Philosophy degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi,  
9 and studied as a Fulbright Fellow at Christiaan Albrechts  
10 Universitat in Kiel, Germany; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Weathersby has spent the majority of his career  
12 working in Mississippi, primarily in various capacities to help  
13 the mentally ill of this state; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Weathersby worked in the Community Support  
15 Division of the State Department of Mental Health and as Director  
16 of the Division of Community Support at Mississippi State Hospital  
17 at Whitfield and is currently the Director of Singing River  
18 Services, the community mental health center for Jackson and  
19 George Counties; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Weathersby was instrumental in pioneering a  
21 Family Education Program for the families of the mentally ill and  
22 in encouraging the establishment of a Mississippi Chapter of the  
23 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, all with the support of  
24 the Mississippi State Department of Mental Health, under the  
25 direction of Dr. Randal Hendrix, Mr. Bradley Sanders and Mr. Larry  
26 Swearngen, and later under the supervision of Director James G.

27 Chastain and Assistant Director Winona Winfield of Mississippi  
28 State Hospital; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Weathersby continues his creative and effective  
30 programming for the mentally ill and mentally retarded citizens of  
31 the state at Singing River Services, with the support of  
32 Commissioners Wayne Brown and Winfred Morie; and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Weathersby has taught and continues to train  
34 social workers and mental health professionals in cutting-edge  
35 psychosocial rehabilitation methods and practices, thus sharing  
36 his special expertise and enhancing the quality of treatment for  
37 the mentally ill throughout the state; and

38 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Chapter of the National Alliance for  
39 the Mentally Ill has established the "Harrell Weathersby Father of  
40 the Mississippi Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally  
41 Ill Award" in his honor, to be given to a professional mental  
42 health worker each year in his name:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE  
44 SENATE, That we hereby commend Dr. Harrell Weathersby for his  
45 accomplishments in assisting the mentally ill in Mississippi and  
46 their families and in serving the state faithfully and effectively  
47 in his chosen field, and further commend all those institutions  
48 and agencies that have supported and enabled his outstanding  
49 achievements.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 presented to Dr. Weathersby and the Regional Commission for  
52 Jackson and George Counties, and be made available to the Capitol  
53 Press Corps.