

By: Representative Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. ANGELOS E. HALARIS FOR
2 DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF
3 NEUROPSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY (CINP) RESEARCH MENTOR PROGRAM.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Angelos E. Halaris, Professor and Chairman of
5 Psychiatry at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMC),
6 in 1999, founded the International College of
7 Neuropsychopharmacology (CINP) Research Mentor Program, dedicated
8 to assisting scientists in developing countries in sharpening
9 their skills and advancing their careers in the field of
10 neuropsychopharmacology; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Halaris' vision of CINP was initially
12 conceptualized along with Dr. Stephen Stahl of the University of
13 California, San Diego, who chairs CINP's Education Committee; and

14 WHEREAS, the starting point of Halaris' and Stahl's idea
15 commenced when the two determined the immense need for promising
16 scientists in developing countries to be educated and mentored in
17 psychopharmacology clinical practice and clinical research; and

18 WHEREAS, premising the idea of CINP is the belief that by
19 organizing on an international basis the matching of promising
20 scientists with senior established clinician investigators, this
21 could facilitate the fashioning of firm relationships between
22 mentors and mentees, and for that reason, Dr. Halaris set out to
23 accomplish a more interactive approach to the program; and

24 WHEREAS, to achieve the goal of identifying worldwide
25 participants, Professor Peter Gaszner of the National Institute of
26 Psychiatry in Budapest, Hungary, was selected to co-chair the CINP
27 program with Dr. Halaris; and



28 WHEREAS, in CINP's early stages, the program consisted of
29 scientific lectures, seminars and workshops conducted within
30 various developing countries, all of which still remain a part of
31 the overall program; and

32 WHEREAS, the program has targeted all Central and South
33 America areas summarily declared as areas of need, as well as
34 selected far-eastern countries, such as China, Vietnam and
35 Malaysia; and

36 WHEREAS, Dr. Halaris personally recruited mentors from among
37 his professional colleagues, most of whom were in the United
38 States and a number from UMC, to provide two types of declared
39 working relationships: the level of exchange, being the simplest,
40 and the more complex level of actual laboratory and department
41 hands-on instruction with the mentor and mentee; and

42 WHEREAS, more than 40 pairs of mentors and mentees from
43 around the world participate in the CINP program; and

44 WHEREAS, in September 2001, Dr. Halaris attended the regional
45 meeting of CINP in Budapest dedicated to the research mentor
46 program, in which approximately 20 mentees, most of whom are
47 doctors of medicine, presented research findings for which they
48 received guidance from their CINP mentors; and

49 WHEREAS, Dr. Halaris' assets of organizational and
50 communicational skills and dedication to the discipline of
51 psychiatry were instrumental in his successful accomplishment of
52 instituting the CINP program; and

53 WHEREAS, this outstanding accomplishment of Dr. Angelos
54 Halaris brings international honor and recognition to his family,
55 his community and the State of Mississippi, and it reflects a
56 great esteem upon his professional abilities:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
59 commend Dr. Angelos E. Halaris upon the development of the



60 International College of Neuropsychopharmacology (CINP) Research
61 Mentor Program and wish him great success in his future endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 furnished to Dr. Angelos E. Halaris, University of Mississippi
64 Medical Center and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

