

By: Representative Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. BEATRICE "BEBE" RICHARDSON UPON
2 HER RETIREMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER
3 AFTER 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICES IN THE NURSING FIELD.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Beatrice "Bebe" Richardson, a native of Attala
5 County, Mississippi, the daughter of Lester and Mabel Reeves, has
6 retired from the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMC)
7 after 50 years of service as a practicing nurse and nursing
8 administrator; and

9 WHEREAS, a resident of Jackson, Mississippi, Mrs. Richardson
10 grew up in Pascagoula, Mississippi, and upon her graduation from
11 high school attended college in New Orleans, Louisiana, earning
12 her nursing diploma at Mather School of Nursing in 1952; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Richardson immediately began working as an
14 operating room staff nurse in New Orleans, before becoming head
15 pediatric nurse at Baptist Medical Center in Jackson in 1953; and

16 WHEREAS, working in nearly every aspect of nursing, from
17 private offices to medical centers, from the OR to the ER to
18 administration, Mrs. Richardson's adept professionalism, warmth
19 and compassionate spirit will be greatly missed from gracing the
20 halls of the UMC corridors; and

21 WHEREAS, a distinguished alumna of Mississippi College, where
22 she earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1983 and
23 her master's in health science/health care in 1987, Mrs.
24 Richardson, in the course of her career, has supervised the 1,100
25 nurses at UMC and led the nursing staffs at the Women's Hospital
26 and Baptist Medical Center; and



27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Richardson has received several awards such as
28 the coveted S. Douglas Smith Quorum Excellence Award in 1998,
29 which is given to only four individuals nationwide for maintaining
30 a professional and personal commitment to excellence, and upon her
31 retirement, the UMC administrative conference was renamed "The
32 Bebe Richardson Conference Room" in honor of her many years of
33 dedication to the hospital; and

34 WHEREAS, throughout her every endeavor, Mrs. Richardson has
35 enjoyed the loving and faithful support of her husband, Bob
36 Richardson; and her two children, Scott Richardson and Jan Hagen;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
39 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend such outstanding
40 Mississippians as Mrs. Richardson, who has strived diligently to
41 promote the health and wellness of the citizens of Mississippi, as
42 well as provided an example for others in the field of nursing and
43 medical expertise to follow:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
46 commend and congratulate Mrs. Beatrice "Bebe" Richardson for
47 leaving a warm and lasting legacy at UMC upon her retirement after
48 50 years of dedicated service in the field of nursing, and extend
49 to her our heartiest wishes for many more years of good health,
50 peace and happiness and success in all her future endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to Mrs. Beatrice "Bebe" Richardson and the members of
53 the Capitol Press Corps.

