

By: Representative Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. PERRY MCGINNIS UPON HIS  
2 RETIREMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER.

3 WHEREAS, after many years of service, Dr. Perry McGinnis  
4 retired as dean of the University of Mississippi Medical Center's  
5 (UMC) School of Dentistry; and

6 WHEREAS, having earned his D.D.S. and undergoing additional  
7 postgraduate training in pathology at the University of Tennessee,  
8 Dr. McGinnis, prior to his recruitment to Mississippi in 1987,  
9 taught at Oral Roberts University and the University of Tennessee  
10 for a combined total of 23 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. McGinnis, after only five years of employment  
12 with UMC, was appointed in 1992 as Dean of the UMC School of  
13 Dentistry after his longtime friend and personal recruiter, Dr.  
14 John Hembree, retired; and

15 WHEREAS, attributing the accomplishments of the dental school  
16 to the exceptional quality of faculty and students, Dr. McGinnis  
17 has witnessed during his tenure a Nine Million Dollar increase in  
18 the school's research funding; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. McGinnis has shared the enjoyment of the  
20 school's national reputation being enhanced by student scores on  
21 the national licensing examination, placing UMC in the top ten for  
22 2001, exemplifying the superior quality of education provided and  
23 the students' zeal for learning; and

24 WHEREAS, held in high esteem by colleagues and students  
25 alike, Dr. McGinnis was awarded fellowship status in the  
26 Mississippi Dental Association, becoming the sixth recipient of  
27 the prestigious honor in 126 years; and



28           WHEREAS, Dr. McGinnis, who has been lovingly supported by his  
29 wife, Carol, will retire to his native home in East Tennessee; and

30           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of  
31 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence in  
32 such outstanding and exemplary individuals as Dr. Perry McGinnis,  
33 who has achieved a high level of success in the field of dentistry  
34 and has contributed greatly to the success of the students and  
35 overall quality of education offered by the UMC School of  
36 Dentistry:

37           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
39 commend and congratulate Dr. Perry McGinnis upon his retirement as  
40 Dean of the UMC School of Dentistry, and extend to him our  
41 heartiest wishes for many more years of good health, peace and  
42 happiness and success in all his future endeavors.

43           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
44 furnished to Dr. Perry McGinnis and the members of the Capitol  
45 Press Corps.

