

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.

