

By: Representatives Ford, Robinson (84th),  
Brown

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 85

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. WALLACE CONERLY, VICE  
2 CHANCELLOR AND DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
3 MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC  
4 SERVICE AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. A. Wallace (Wally) Conerly, M.D., will retire  
6 from his position as Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean  
7 of the School of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical  
8 Center in Jackson, Mississippi, on June 30, 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, a member of the Medical Center faculty since 1973,  
10 Dr. Conerly served for 13 years as Assistant Vice Chancellor for  
11 Health Affairs before he assumed his current appointment on August  
12 2, 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Conerly, a professor of medicine, served as  
14 Medical Director at the Department of Respiratory Therapy at the  
15 University Hospital for 21 years and as Director of the Medical  
16 Center Division of Continuing Health Professional Education from  
17 1979 to 1993; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Conerly's medical practice is in the field of  
19 chest medicine and critical care; and

20 WHEREAS, as the chief executive officer of the state's only  
21 academic health science center, Dr. Conerly leads an institution  
22 with an annual budget of more than Six Hundred Million Dollars and  
23 a yearly payroll for its 7,200 employees of Three Hundred Million  
24 Dollars; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Conerly is the chief architect of the medical  
26 center's ongoing expansion program, the largest in the history of  
27 state higher education, the first phase of which was completed in  
28 1999 and included a new children's hospital, a new women's and



29 infants' hospital, a building for the School of Health Related  
30 Professions, an addition to the School of Nursing, a student  
31 union, two parking garages and an imaging center; and

32 WHEREAS, in addition, a second construction phase is now  
33 underway which includes a critical care hospital that is already  
34 operational, a new 256-bed adult hospital, a classroom addition, a  
35 children's hospital addition and an expansion to the Arthur C.  
36 Guyton Research Complex; and

37 WHEREAS, a native of Tylertown, Dr. Conerly received his  
38 bachelor's degree with honors in 1957 from Millsaps College and  
39 his medical degree in 1960 from Tulane University; and

40 WHEREAS, Dr. Conerly received special training at the United  
41 States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks Air Force  
42 Base, Texas; completed a fellowship in medicine in the Section of  
43 Cardiology at Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans; and took  
44 a residency in internal medicine at the University of Mississippi  
45 Medical Center, where he was the institution's Mississippi Lung  
46 Association Fellow in Pulmonary Disease from 1972-1974; and

47 WHEREAS, Dr. Conerly served in the United States Air Force  
48 (USAF) for more than six years as Director of the Aerospace  
49 Medicine Division for the 3350th USAF Hospital at Moody Air Force  
50 Base (AFB), GA, and Director of Base Medical Services at Vance  
51 AFB, OK. Recipient of the USAF Flight Surgeon of the Year Award  
52 in 1962 and the USAF Commendation Medal in 1963, he was honorably  
53 discharged from the Air Force in 1966 at the rank of major; and

54 WHEREAS, a Fellow of the American College of Chest  
55 Physicians, Dr. Conerly has held membership in many professional  
56 organizations such as the American Medical Association,  
57 Mississippi State Medical Association, Central Medical Society of  
58 Mississippi, American Academy of General Practice, Aerospace  
59 Medical Association, American and Mississippi Thoracic Societies,  
60 American Society of Internal Medicine, Association of American  
61 Medical Colleges and the Mississippi Academy of Sciences; and



62           WHEREAS, Dr. Conerly served a three-year term as the  
63 American College of Chest Physicians' Commissioner on the  
64 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs;  
65 served as a former examiner and member of the Board of Trustees  
66 for the National Board for Respiratory Care; has served on the  
67 Mississippi State Medical Association Council on Medical  
68 Education, the Professional Education Committee of the American  
69 Heart Association, Mississippi Affiliate, and the Journal of  
70 Respiratory Diseases editorial review board; and is also the state  
71 health contact for the Southern Regional Educational Board; and

72           WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Dr. Conerly has  
73 been a member and held leadership roles in various community  
74 organizations including the Board of Directors of the American Red  
75 Cross, Mississippi Chapter, and the Capital Area United Way; past  
76 President of the Rotary Club of Jackson and past Chairman of the  
77 Board of Governors of the University Club; membership on the  
78 boards of the Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Junior  
79 Achievement, the Jackson Medical Education District, the Community  
80 Bank and the Community Advisory Council of the Junior League of  
81 Jackson; and

82           WHEREAS, throughout his long and distinguished career, Dr.  
83 Conerly has received numerous honors and awards such as the 2001  
84 Hope Award, which is given annually for outstanding community  
85 contributions by the Mississippi Division of the Multiple  
86 Sclerosis Society, the Millsaps College "Alumnus of the Year"  
87 Award in 2002, and he and his wife were recognized as the 2002  
88 People of Vision by Preserve Sight Mississippi; and

89           WHEREAS, Dr. Conerly has been lovingly supported in all his  
90 endeavors by his lovely wife, the former Frances Bryan, and their  
91 two sons, Al and Charlie; and

92           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
93 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Dr. Conerly, who  
94 has dedicated his life and career to improving the quality of



95 health care and service to the citizens of the State of  
96 Mississippi:

97         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
98 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
99 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and express our sincere  
100 appreciation to Dr. Wallace Conerly, Vice Chancellor and Dean of  
101 the School of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical  
102 Center, for his many years of dedicated public service,  
103 congratulate him upon his retirement and express our warmest  
104 wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

105         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
106 furnished to Dr. Wallace Conerly, to the Board of Trustees of  
107 Institutions of Higher Learning and to the members of the Capitol  
108 Press Corps.

