

By: Senator(s) Browning

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER OF HEALTH CARE AND
2 COMMUNITY SERVICE OF DR. JOHN PATTERSON OF PONTOTOC, MISSISSIPPI,
3 AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 48
4 YEARS OF PRACTICING MEDICINE.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. John Patterson of Pontotoc, Mississippi, has
6 announced his retirement after 48 years of unselfish public health
7 service in the practice of medicine; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. John Patterson graduated from the University of
9 Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi, in 1952. He received his
10 Medical Degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia,
11 Pennsylvania, in 1954. He then completed an Internship at Baptist
12 Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, in July 1955. He is
13 married to the former Maxine McDaniel, and they have three
14 daughters; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson began his practice at the Pontotoc
16 Community Hospital and Extended Care Facility in 1955, where he
17 has been an active staff member since that time. He has served
18 several terms as Chairman of the Medical Staff at Pontotoc
19 Hospital; and

20 WHEREAS, on August 7, 1992, he received the Family Physician
21 of the Year Award from the Mississippi Academy of Family
22 Physicians, the Academy's highest award. This award is given in
23 recognition and appreciation for outstanding leadership and
24 service to family medicine in Mississippi; and

25 WHEREAS, at the 2002 Pontotoc Chamber of Commerce banquet, he
26 was recognized with the "Professional Business Award", based upon
27 nominations from the community. He has also served in community
28 activities in Pontotoc and Northeast Mississippi, including the



29 Pontotoc Lions Club. He is a member of the Methodist Church and
30 has served on its Board of Trustees and also as a Trustee of
31 Traceway Manor in Tupelo, a senior citizen facility; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson has served in various roles, such as
33 District Director of the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians;
34 President of the Family Health Foundation of Mississippi, the
35 philanthropic arm of the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians;
36 and as a member of the Board of Directors for the University of
37 Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. He has also been a member
38 of a host of medical associations and societies, including the
39 American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Medical
40 Association, in addition to regional, state and local
41 organizations; and

42 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and humility that we
43 recognize the legacy of service of this dedicated health care
44 professional whose career has enhanced the quality of life for his
45 community and for the State of Mississippi:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the career of health care
48 and community service of Dr. John Patterson of Pontotoc,
49 Mississippi, congratulate him on the occasion of his well-deserved
50 retirement after 48 years of practicing medicine, and extend to
51 him and his family the best wishes of the Senate on their future
52 endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Dr. Patterson, and be made available to the Board of Trustees of
55 the Pontotoc Community Hospital and the Capitol Press Corps.

