

By: Senator(s) Dawkins, Cuevas, Hewes,
Gollott

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 518

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF DR. GEORGE
2 WARREN BYRNE, AND EXTENDING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE TO HIS
3 FAMILY UPON HIS DEATH.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. George Warren Byrne was born on June 11, 1921,
5 in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Byrne was a graduate of Jesuit High School and
7 Loyola University, graduated from Louisiana State University
8 Medical School and completed his surgical residency at Charity
9 Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, he served on the USS Hawkins in World War II as
11 Chief Medical Officer; and

12 WHEREAS, it was always a source of great pride to him that he
13 was able to serve his country, the Navy and the Marines as a
14 doctor saving the lives of his country's soldiers; and

15 WHEREAS, he became a resident of Pass Christian in 1951,
16 joining the medical staff of Gulfport Memorial Hospital; and

17 WHEREAS, he was only the second board-certified General
18 Surgeon to practice on the Coast; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Byrne served on numerous boards and committees
20 helping to improve medical and surgical care for the entire
21 Mississippi Gulf Coast area for 35 years; and

22 WHEREAS, when he retired from the practice of medicine in
23 1986, he was a physician who still made house calls to treat his
24 patients; and

25 WHEREAS, he was beloved by his patients for both his
26 dedication to their medical care and compassion for them and their
27 families; and

28 WHEREAS, those closest to him knew he enjoyed a quick wit and
29 grand sense of Irish humor, enjoying nothing more than
30 entertaining friends and family with jokes and stories; and

31 WHEREAS, a charter member of the Pass Christian Isles Golf
32 Club, he was also past President of the Pass Christian Rotary
33 Club, past Commodore of the Pass Christian Yacht Club, a founding
34 member of the Pass Christian Republican Club, and a member of the
35 Boston Club of New Orleans; and

36 WHEREAS, Dr. Byrne died January 7, 2004, in Pass Christian,
37 known to all as a fine gentleman and an excellent doctor; and

38 WHEREAS, preceded in death by his parents, J.K. and Katherine
39 Byrne; his sisters, Katherine Byrne Lobdell and Jean Byrne Wagner;
40 and brother, J.K. Byrne, Jr.; he is survived by his devoted wife
41 of 57 years, Nancy G. Byrne; four sons: George W. Byrne, Jr. and
42 his wife Susan of New Orleans, Louisiana; David E. Byrne and his
43 wife Debbie of Pass Christian; Stephen P. Byrne of Gulfport; and
44 Michael G. Byrne and his wife Gayle of Birmingham, Alabama; one
45 daughter, Donna A. Byrne, of Birmingham, Alabama; and his sister,
46 Mary Byrne Denechaud, of New Orleans, Louisiana; and

47 WHEREAS, he is also survived by nine grandchildren, Meghan
48 Byrne and Molly Byrne of Freemont, California; Elizabeth Byrne of
49 Orlando, Florida; David Byrne, Jr., of Athens, Georgia; Cameron
50 Byrne and Mary Frances Woods of Pass Christian; Stephen Byrne,
51 Jr., of New York, New York; Melanie Voisin of Lafayette,
52 Louisiana; and Camille Spratling, of Birmingham, Alabama; as well
53 as three great-grandchildren, Braxton, Jacqueline and Emily Grace:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
55 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
56 we do hereby commend the life and work of Dr. George Warren Byrne,
57 and extend to his family the sincere sympathy of this Legislature
58 upon his death.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
60 furnished to the family of Dr. George Warren Byrne and to the
61 Capitol Press Corps.