

By: Senator(s) Butler

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. RICHARD J.  
2 "DICK" FIELD, JR., UPON BEING NAMED "MISSISSIPPI DOCTOR OF THE  
3 YEAR FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE" AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
4 MISSISSIPPI STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IN BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, veteran Centreville, Mississippi physician Dr.  
6 Richard J. "Dick" Field, Jr., was named "Mississippi Doctor of the  
7 Year for Community Service" at the annual conference of the  
8 Mississippi State Medical Association in Biloxi; and

9 WHEREAS, the award is given to a doctor who has performed  
10 outstanding services for the community in which he lives and  
11 practices; and

12 WHEREAS, "Dr. Dick" was nominated by the Wilk-Amite Medical  
13 Society for his many community contributions for the betterment  
14 of Wilkinson and Amite counties and Centreville; and

15 WHEREAS, Wilk-Amite Medical Society President Dr. David B.  
16 McGraw authored the nomination that resulted in Dr. Field  
17 receiving the award; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. McGraw said that literally every aspect of Dr.  
19 Field's 48-year medical career has focused on serving his  
20 community in civic, educational and religious activities, as well  
21 as serving his medical community at home and around the country;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. McGraw also commented that Dr. Field is widely  
24 acknowledged as one of the most influential spokesmen in America  
25 concerning rural surgery; and

26 WHEREAS, a Tulane University and Boston-trained surgeon, "Dr.  
27 Dick" chose to come home to rural Centreville to carry on what his

28 father, Dr. Jennings Field, had started in The Field Clinic and  
29 Field Memorial Community Hospital; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Field was founder and first president of the  
31 Tulane Surgical Society in 1958, and has held the position of  
32 Clinical Professor of Surgery at Tulane and in other medical  
33 schools; and

34 WHEREAS, the Tulane Medical Alumni Association honored him  
35 with the C.D. Taylor President's Award for outstanding community  
36 service in 1994; and

37 WHEREAS, he established the First Athletic Injury Conference  
38 in Mississippi at Field Hospital in 1958 and played an integral  
39 role in establishing the policy of having physicians attend  
40 football games in Mississippi; and

41 WHEREAS, Chief of Surgery at Field Hospital, he has directed  
42 Field Clinic since 1965 and also instituted a rural medicine  
43 internship program at Field Hospital for senior medical students;  
44 and

45 WHEREAS, Dr. Field served as a member of the Board of Regents  
46 of the American College of Surgeons and held numerous positions  
47 with the American College of Surgeons as well as other local,  
48 regional and national medical organizations; and

49 WHEREAS, he served on the Centreville Public School Board and  
50 helped establish Centreville Academy in 1969; and

51 Whereas, he has been an Elder of Thomson Memorial  
52 Presbyterian Church since 1970; and

53 WHEREAS, he served as president of the Centreville Chamber of  
54 Commerce several times in the past 40 years and organized the  
55 Downtown Development Association in 1999; and

56 WHEREAS, in 1996, then-Governor Kirk Fordice declared  
57 November 13th as "Dr. Richard J. Field, Jr. Day," and in 2003 the  
58 McComb Enterprise-Journal named Dr. Field its Citizen of the Year;  
59 and

60           WHEREAS, Field was also the subject of a 1999 biography, "The  
61 Hands and Heart of a Rural Surgeon," by Bob Pittman:

62           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
63 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby congratulate and commend Dr.  
64 Richard J. "Dick" Field upon the occasion of his being named as  
65 "Mississippi Doctor of the Year for Community Service" by the  
66 Mississippi State Medical Association, and extend to him the  
67 thanks of the Mississippi Senate for the outstanding service he  
68 has rendered to his community, state and profession in his 48  
69 years of practicing medicine.

70           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
71 presented to "Dr. Dick" Field, Jr. and be made available to the  
72 Capitol Press Corps.