

By: Senator(s) Jackson (15th), Michel, Ross To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING HAROLD H. WHITAKER UPON HIS
2 RETIREMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR OF WEBSTER GENERAL HOSPITAL AND FOR
3 HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, Harold H. Whitaker joined the staff of Webster
5 General Hospital in 1972 as Administrator, has served diligently
6 in that position for the past 32 years, and now seeks to enter
7 retirement from his full-time service to his vocation; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as Administrator, Whitaker had
9 a vision to see what health care could become in Webster County,
10 and applied wisdom and leadership to make that vision a reality;
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12 WHEREAS, under Whitaker's leadership, Webster General
13 Hospital underwent several expansions to address the growing need
14 for health care in Webster County, including a \$1.36 Million
15 expansion in 1979 to increase the facility size to 76 beds; and

16 WHEREAS, under Whitaker's leadership, Webster General
17 Hospital added a number of clinical services that were not
18 previously available, including fetal heart monitoring, Lifeline
19 Service, mammography, and respite care services; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1992, Whitaker's concern for the future of
21 Webster General Hospital led to the formation of a long-term
22 relationship with North Mississippi Health Services, beginning
23 with the execution of a lease agreement for the Webster General
24 Hospital facility; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2001, Whitaker recognized the need for a major
26 expansion of inpatient facilities at Webster Health Services, and

27 he guided the organization through the process of being purchased
28 from the city and county by North Mississippi Health Services; and

29 WHEREAS, in 2003, under Whitaker's leadership, Webster Health
30 Services opened a new \$9.5 Million expansion project designed to
31 meet the health care needs of Webster County residents for many
32 years to come; and

33 WHEREAS, in addition to his work at Webster General Hospital
34 and Webster Health Services, Whitaker has provided guidance to the
35 entire health care industry in the State of Mississippi as he has
36 served as an active member of the Prairie Hospital Council and the
37 Board of Governors of the Mississippi Hospital Association, the
38 Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, and the
39 Mississippi Hospital Association Quarter Century Executive Forum;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, throughout his career, the residents of Webster
42 County have benefited from Whitaker's hard work, professionalism,
43 passion and vision as he has established a standard of excellence
44 that has served his community well, and that will serve as a model
45 for those who will follow; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this body to recognize and
47 commend outstanding career achievement of its most valued
48 citizens:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Harold H.
51 Whitaker upon his retirement as Administrator of Webster General
52 Hospital and extend our heartiest wishes for success in all his
53 future endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Harold H. Whitaker and made available to members of
56 the Capital Press Corps.