

By: Senator(s) Harden, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JASMINE PUGH TAYLOR, M.D., INTERIM
2 ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL
3 CENTER, FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Jasmine Pugh Taylor, Interim Associate Vice
5 Chancellor for Multicultural Affairs, Associate Dean for
6 Multicultural Affairs in the School of Medicine and Assistant
7 Professor of Psychiatry, the University of Mississippi Medical
8 Center (UMC), was nominated to the Board of Trustees of State
9 Institutions of Higher Learning for commendation in recognition of
10 Black History Month; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor was the Valedictorian of both her high
12 school and college graduating classes and winner of the
13 prestigious Merrill Scholarship. She earned her Bachelor of
14 Science in Biology from Spellman College in Atlanta (1985), and
15 the Doctor of Medicine from the University of Alabama School of
16 Medicine in Birmingham (1989), where she participated in the
17 Medical Scholars Program and completed an internship and residency
18 in psychiatry; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor was in private psychiatry practice in
20 Birmingham, Alabama, before she joined the UMC Department of
21 Psychiatry and Human Behavior four years ago, and in 2004 was
22 named Associate Dean for Multicultural Affairs in the School of
23 Medicine to oversee the recruitment and retention of students; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor is also Director of the Mississippi Area
25 Health Education Center Network, which seeks to improve the health
26 status of Mississippians in selected regions, and encourages

27 disadvantaged youth in those rural areas to pursue studies that
28 lead to health careers; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor plays a pivotal role in UMC's continuing
30 efforts to arm students with the knowledge and skills they need to
31 effectively treat patients from other cultures. This
32 cultural-proficiency training teaches students to have a certain
33 self-awareness of their attitudes regarding others, helping them
34 to develop a wider understanding of the social and historical
35 context of certain populations, patterns of immigration and
36 folk-healing practices, while leaning away from oversimplifying
37 and stereotyping different cultures; and

38 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor is an excellent role model for both the
39 students and faculty at UMC. She is committed to increasing the
40 number of minority health care providers in Mississippi. The
41 program that she directs prepares students to be successful in
42 health science curricula. She is diligent in her work to help
43 eliminate the health disparities that affect minority and
44 disadvantaged Mississippians; and

45 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor is on the Board of Jackson 2000, the St.
46 Andrew Episcopal School, Partners in Education and the Crisis
47 Center. She is also an active member of Jack and Jill of America,
48 the Lefleur's Bluff Chapter of Links, Inc., and the Junior League
49 of Jackson; and

50 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's professional affiliations include:
51 member, American Psychiatric Association; member, National
52 Association of Medical Minority Educators, Inc.; Spellman College
53 Alumni Association; Anxiety Disorders Association of America;
54 National Association of Self Esteem; Advisory Board of the
55 University of Alabama Department of Pastoral Care; member, Pilgrim
56 Rest Baptist Church; member, Delta Sigma Theta Public Service
57 Sorority; founding member, Halle Tanner Johnson Medical Society;
58 and

59 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor has been recognized for her work by
60 receiving the following honors and awards: American Medical
61 Association Physician's Recognition Award, 1996; Delta Sigma Theta
62 Public Service Award in the field of mental health, 1996;
63 Strathmore's Who's Who, 1995-1996; First Place Award—Student
64 Research Day, 1987; Medical Scholars Program, 1985-1987; Who's Who
65 Among American College Students, 1985; YMCA College Woman of
66 Achievement, 1985; Atlanta Women's Chamber of Commerce—named Miss
67 Atlanta; and Beta Kappa Chi Honor Society, 1984:

68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
69 MISSISSIPPI, That we take pride in recognizing Jasmine Pugh
70 Taylor, M.D., Interim Associate Vice Chancellor at the University of
71 Mississippi Medical Center, in observance of Black History Month for
72 her commitment to working to increase the number of minority
73 health care providers in Mississippi—making health careers an
74 accessible goal for all the talented and motivated Mississippians
75 who dream of being health care providers.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
77 Dr. Taylor in recognition of her commitment to excellence in
78 education and the medical profession, be forwarded to the
79 Chancellor of the University of Mississippi and the Vice
80 Chancellor of the University Medical Center, and be made available
81 to the Capitol Press Corps.