

By: Representatives Howell, Barnett,
Beckett, Bondurant, Masterson, Reed, Smith
(27th), Stevens, Whittington

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR.
2 KATRINA POE OF KILMICHAEL, MISSISSIPPI, THE NATIONAL "2005 COUNTRY
3 DOCTOR OF THE YEAR."

4 WHEREAS, the Town of Kilmichael, Mississippi, turned out to
5 celebrate and support Dr. Katrina Poe who was chosen "2005 Country
6 Doctor of the Year," out of 3,000 possible entries; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Poe is the only working doctor in this town of
8 700 people. "This is what I was born to do," said Poe, 35, a
9 Kilmichael native. "It's awfully nice to serve people who are
10 like you -- being from the same community. You feel a certain
11 connection there. I truly feel like I know what they need"; and

12 WHEREAS, it is that sort of dedication that led a Texas-based
13 medical staffing firm to name Dr. Poe the "2005 Country Doctor of
14 the Year." "It's all about commitment to the community," said
15 Phillip Miller, a spokesman for Staff Care, Inc., "someone who
16 really represents the rural style of practice"; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Poe is the second female and the first black
18 physician to win the Country Doctor of the Year Award in Staff
19 Care's 11-year history; and

20 WHEREAS, Staff Care, which has sponsored the Country Doctor
21 Award since 1992, is one of the nation's largest providers of
22 temporary physicians, and receives several hundred nominations
23 each year; and

24 WHEREAS, "This doctor's office is the heart of the
25 community," said Linda Turner, a nurse at Kilmichael Medical
26 Clinic, where Poe works; and

27 WHEREAS, she sees 250 to 300 patients each week at the
28 clinic, makes rounds at the hospital twice a day, is on call every
29 day and night, supervises patients at a local geriatric care
30 center, monitors patients at a psychiatric care center and serves
31 as the high school's athletic team doctor; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Poe is married to the hospital's chief
33 administrator, and has two children, a three-year old and a
34 three-month old; and

35 WHEREAS, when all was said and done, more than 250 people,
36 friends, family members, colleagues, patients and well-meaning
37 supporters packed the school auditorium to share a shining moment
38 in a young doctor's life, a moment Poe says will last forever; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
40 Mississippian for extraordinary dedication to her profession and
41 for her contributions to the citizens of her community and the
42 State of Mississippi:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
45 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Katrina
46 Poe of Kilmichael, Mississippi, for her receipt of The National
47 "2005 Country Doctor of the Year" Award, and extend to her best
48 wishes for continued success in the practice of her profession and
49 her contributions to her community.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
51 furnished to Dr. Poe, the Mayor of Kilmichael and to the members
52 of Capitol Press Corps.