

By: Senator(s) Jackson (15th), Huggins,  
Frazier, Jackson (11th)

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 529

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 is one of the nation's largest providers  
21 of temporary physicians. It has sponsored the Country Doctor  
22 Award since 1992. Miller said the organization gets several  
23 hundred nominations 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. She sees 250 to 300 patients each week  
27 at the clinic, makes rounds at the hospital twice a day, is on

28 call every day and night, supervises patients at a local geriatric  
29 care center, monitors patients at a psychiatric care center and  
30 serves as the high school's athletic team doctor; and

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

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

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

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

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
50 Dr. Poe and be made available to the Mayor of Kilmichael and the  
51 Capitol Press Corps.