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Davis, Browning, Butler, Flowers, Hyde-Smith,
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 587

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. J.
2 EDWARD HILL, A FAMILY PHYSICIAN FROM TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, UPON HIS
3 SELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

4 WHEREAS, J. Edward Hill, MD, a Family Physician from Tupelo,
5 Mississippi, was elected three times to the American Medical
6 Association (AMA) Board of Trustees, and became its Chair in 2002.
7 Dr. Hill was elected President-Elect in June 2004, and assumed the
8 Presidency in June 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, prior to his election to the Board of Trustees, he
10 served as an AMA Delegate from the Mississippi State Medical
11 Association since 1984 after beginning service as an Alternate
12 Delegate in 1979. In 1990, he was appointed by the Board of
13 Trustees to the AMA's Council on Legislation and served as its
14 Vice Chair from 1995 to 1996; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to his active participation in the AMA,
16 Dr. Hill has served in a variety of leadership positions in other
17 medical organizations. He has been Chairman of the Board of
18 Trustees and President of the Mississippi State Medical
19 Association, President of the Mississippi Academy of Family
20 Physicians, an Alternate Delegate and Delegate to the American
21 Academy of Family Physicians, and President of the Southern
22 Medical Association; and

23 WHEREAS, born in Omaha, Nebraska, Dr. Hill was educated in
24 the public schools of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and received both
25 his BS and MD Degrees from the University of Mississippi. He
26 completed his internship while serving four years as a
27 Commissioned Officer in the United States Navy, in addition to

28 serving as a General Medical Officer in a Naval Destroyer Group;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, a board-certified Family Physician, Dr. Hill began
31 his professional career in the rural Mississippi Delta town of
32 Hollandale, where he practiced for 27 years. In addition to full
33 service family practice, Dr. Hill developed and directed a local
34 maternal child health program that resulted in lowering the fetal
35 mortality rate from one of the highest in the United States to
36 below the national average, where it remained. Due to his wealth
37 of medical practice experience and recognition as a role model for
38 young doctors, Dr. Hill was asked in January 1995 to become the
39 Director of the Family Practice Residency Program at North
40 Mississippi Medical Center, which is the nation's largest rural
41 hospital. He stepped down from the Directorship in July 2001,
42 remains on the faculty full time and has an active practice; and

43 WHEREAS, in addition to his busy professional life, Dr. Hill
44 is also an active participant and leader in community activities.
45 He has served as President of the Mississippi Affiliate of the
46 American Heart Association, Chair of the Industrial Development
47 Committee for his local Chamber of Commerce, member of the
48 Advisory Board for his county Head Start Program, President of his
49 local school board and a member of the Board of Directors of his
50 church; and

51 WHEREAS, Dr. Hill and his wife, Jean, are the parents of two
52 daughters and five grandchildren, who also reside in Mississippi;
53 and

54 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
55 landmark achievement and the humanitarian contributions of this
56 Mississippi physician who has brought honor to his profession, his
57 community and to the State of Mississippi:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
59 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
60 we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. J. Edward Hill, a Family

61 Physician from Tupelo, Mississippi, upon his selection as
62 President of the American Medical Association and for his civic
63 and humanitarian contributions, and we extend to him and his
64 family the best wishes of the Legislature in his future endeavors.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
66 Dr. Hill and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.