

By: Representatives Howell, Barnett,  
Masterson, Bondurant

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR.  
2 WILLIAM A. MIDDLETON UPON BEING NAMED "FAMILY PHYSICIAN OF THE  
3 YEAR" BY THE MISSISSIPPI ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. William A. Middleton of Winona, Mississippi, was  
5 awarded "Family Physician of the Year" by the Mississippi Academy  
6 of Family Physicians on July 12, 2006, at the academy's annual  
7 meeting in Destin, Florida; and

8 WHEREAS, the annual award, known as the John B. Howell  
9 Memorial Award is the academy's highest honor to a Mississippi  
10 physician who exemplifies, in the tradition of family medicine, a  
11 compassionate commitment to improving the health and well-being of  
12 people and communities throughout Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Middleton attended Mississippi College,  
14 graduating with distinction, before going on to further his  
15 medical studies at Tulane University School of Medicine in New  
16 Orleans, Louisiana, where he finished 20th in a class of 130; and

17 WHEREAS, having opened his practice in Winona in 1955, Dr.  
18 Bill, as he is affectionately called by his patients, has served  
19 the people of north Mississippi for more than 50 years, delivering  
20 thousands of babies and saving countless lives; and

21 WHEREAS, known for his compassion to help his patients by  
22 working long hours and treating every patient crossing his  
23 doorstep, Dr. Bill has gone above and beyond the call of duty for  
24 his patients, not only as a physician but also as a friend; and

25 WHEREAS, in addition to providing excellent medical care for  
26 his patients, Dr. Bill has also served the medical staff at Tyler  
27 Holmes Memorial Hospital as Chief of Staff; and

28           WHEREAS, as he regularly attends continuing education classes  
29 in order to stay abreast of the latest medical advancements, he  
30 yet finds the time in his schedule to be a community servant,  
31 having served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Winona City  
32 Schools, the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Economic  
33 Development Partnership and County Chairman for Governors John  
34 Bell Williams and Cliff Finch; and

35           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
36 and commend the excellence and contributions of such a great  
37 Mississippian and health care professional as Dr. Middleton, whose  
38 zeal for being his brothers' keeper transcends all barriers:

39           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
41 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. William A.  
42 Middleton upon being named "Family Physician of the Year" by the  
43 Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians and extend warmest wishes  
44 for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

45           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
46 furnished to Dr. Middleton and to the members of the Capitol Press  
47 Corps.