

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee, Bryan, Browning,
Butler, Chaney, Dearing, Frazier, Gordon,
Harden, Jackson (11th), Wilemon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 630

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING NORTH MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL
2 CENTER FOR RECEIVING THE 2006 MALCOLM BALDRIGE NATIONAL QUALITY
3 AWARD.

4 WHEREAS, in a November 2006 joint announcement by President
5 George W. Bush and Commerce Secretary Carlos Guterrez, North
6 Mississippi Medical Center was named as one of the three winners
7 of the 2006 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; and

8 WHEREAS, North Mississippi Medical Center officially accepted
9 this nation's highest Presidential honor for organizational
10 performance on March 13, 2007, in the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium
11 in Washington, D.C., wherein a congratulatory speech was made by
12 Vice President Dick Cheney; and

13 WHEREAS, the 2006 Baldrige Award recipients were selected
14 among 76 applicants; and

15 WHEREAS, all of the applicants were evaluated rigorously by
16 an independent board of examiners in seven areas: leadership;
17 strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement;
18 analysis and knowledge management; human resource focus; process
19 management; and results; and

20 WHEREAS, the award is named after the 26th Secretary of
21 Commerce, Malcolm Baldrige, and was established by Congress in
22 1987 to enhance the competitiveness and performance of United
23 States businesses and expanded in 1998 to include education and
24 health care; and

25 WHEREAS, since 1988, only 67 organizations have received
26 Baldrige Awards; and

27 WHEREAS, North Mississippi Medical Center serves 24 rural
28 counties and is the largest rural hospital in the country and is
29 Mississippi's largest community-owned hospital; and

30 WHEREAS, North Mississippi Medical Center provides a wide
31 array of inpatient, outpatient and emergency services; and

32 WHEREAS, during 2006, North Mississippi Medical Center
33 provided community services to 156,750 people through free health
34 fairs, screenings, health education and CPR classes and
35 immunization programs held throughout the rural region in
36 churches, shopping centers and other locations; and

37 WHEREAS, North Mississippi Medical Center's annual charitable
38 donations, charity care, medical cost savings and volunteer
39 services total about \$70 Million; and

40 WHEREAS, North Mississippi Medical Center's mission is "to
41 continuously improve the health of the people of our region"; and

42 WHEREAS, North Mississippi Medical Center has an outstanding
43 workforce of 3,875 and is lead by a core leadership team
44 consisting of John Heer, North Mississippi Health Services
45 President and Chief Executive Officer; Chuck Stokes, North
46 Mississippi Medical Center President; Ken Davis, M.D., Chief
47 Medical Officer; and Gerald Wages, Executive Vice President for
48 External Affairs; and

49 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and admiration that we
50 recognize this outstanding achievement of North Mississippi
51 Medical Center, whose commitment to excellence and outstanding
52 results in meeting the health needs of the communities it serves,
53 is unsurpassed in the medical community:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
55 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
56 we do hereby commend North Mississippi Medical Center for
57 receiving the 2006 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and
58 thank the leaders and employees for their work and dedication to
59 the provision of excellent health care in the communities served,

60 extending the best wishes of the Legislature in these future
61 endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
63 North Mississippi Medical Center and be made available to the
64 Capitol Press Corps.