

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.