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Clarke, Dearing, Fillingane, Frazier,
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Jackson (15th), Jordan, King, Lee (35th),
Little, Mettetal, Pickering, Robertson,
Simmons, Turner, White

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. WILLIAM A.
2 MIDDLETON UPON BEING NAMED "FAMILY PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR" BY THE
3 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 with great pride that we recognize the
36 contributions of this Mississippi health care professional, Dr.
37 Middleton, who has brought honor to his community and to this
38 state:

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

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