

By: Senator(s) Harden, Burton, Butler,
Carmichael, Davis, Fillingane, Hopson,
Jackson (32nd), Michel, Nunnelee, Ward

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 637

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC
2 LEADERSHIP OF DR. FREDA M. BUSH, M.D., AND CONGRATULATING HER UPON
3 HER APPOINTMENT AS THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
4 FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL LICENSURE BOARDS.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Freda M. Bush, M.D., has served on the State
6 Board of Medical Licensure since 1994, has been President of the
7 board since 2000, and in April 2010 she will be installed as Chair
8 of the national Federation of State Medical Boards, a role which
9 brings honor to her profession in her home state of Mississippi;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Freda McKissic Bush, M.D., FACOG is a partner in
12 private practice with East Lakeland OB-GYN Associates in Jackson,
13 Mississippi, and a Clinical Instructor in the Department of OB-GYN
14 and Department of Family Medicine at the University of Mississippi
15 Medical Center. She graduated from the University of Mississippi
16 Medical School in 1983 and completed her residency training at the
17 University of Tennessee in Memphis in 1987. She is certified by
18 the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Bush is a Board Member of The Medical Institute
20 of Sexual Health and served as a Presidential appointee to the
21 Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA). She has served
22 as a member of the Mississippi Task Force on Reducing
23 Out-of-Wedlock Pregnancies. Dr. Bush is past President of the
24 Central Mississippi Medical Society and alternate delegate to the
25 American Medical Association. She has been a member of the Board
26 of Directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)
27 since 2003, currently serving as Chair-elect. She has served as
28 Treasurer of the FSMB, a member of the USMLE Step 3 Committee and



29 currently serves on the USMLE Composite Committee. In 2006, she
30 received the Community Service Award from the Mississippi State
31 Medical Association; and

32 WHEREAS, Freda coauthored the book, *HOOKED, New Science on*
33 *How Casual Sex is Affecting Our Children*, with Joe S. McIlhaney,
34 M.D., released August 2008. She was a contributing writer to
35 *Faith Matters: How African-American Faith Communities Can Help*
36 *Prevent Teen Pregnancy*, published by the National Campaign to
37 Prevent Teen Pregnancy; and

38 WHEREAS, much of her time is spent speaking on sexuality,
39 sexually transmitted diseases and social behavior education. This
40 year she has presented for Heartbeat International Conference in
41 Richmond, Virginia, CareNet in Atlanta, Georgia, and numerous
42 others. She presented at the National Conference for Abstinence
43 Educators, Washington, D.C., on Medical Accuracy in January 2008
44 and on Teen Brain and Casual Sex in February 2009. She presented
45 "Teen Sex and the Brain," a Seminar for Health Professionals,
46 PATH, Valparaiso, Indiana, April 29, 2008, and at the University
47 of Minnesota in Minneapolis, in November 2008, "Sex and
48 Evangelical Christianity" at The Center for Excellence in Sexual
49 Health, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia, March 3,
50 2008, and a Sexual Health Clinical Interventions Workshop at the
51 Christian Medical and Dental Association 2007 National Convention;
52 and

53 WHEREAS, Dr. Bush served as Lead Panelist for a series of
54 Town Hall meetings titled "Teens, Involved Parents and Sex
55 (T.I.P.S.)," sponsored by the Mississippi State Medical
56 Association Alliance, Hattiesburg, Jackson and Tupelo,
57 Mississippi, February 2007. She has been interviewed on several
58 television programs, including The Mike and Juliet Show on Fox
59 News TV, CBS Early Show, Everyday with Marcus and Lisa on Family
60 Net TV, as well as numerous radio programs, including Focus on the



61 Family with Dr. James Dobson, Janet Parshall's America, The Marsha
62 Summer Radio Show and the Debbie Chavez Radio Show. She has
63 published articles in *Charisma Magazine*, *Christianity Today*,
64 *Christian Living Metro Jackson* and the *MSMA Journal*; and

65 WHEREAS, she serves as a Medical Advisor for Heartbeat
66 International and Medical Director to the Center for Pregnancy
67 Choices, Metro Jackson and the Women's Resource Center of Jackson;
68 and

69 WHEREAS, her passion is to help women to "raise a standard."
70 To that end, she teaches and encourages a lifestyle of abstinence
71 until marriage and fidelity within marriage. For seven years, she
72 co-sponsored a conference on Abstinence and Youth in Jackson,
73 Mississippi; and

74 WHEREAS, married for 40 years to her husband, Lee, they have
75 four children and seven grandchildren; and

76 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this health
77 care professional whose civic contribution and professional
78 excellence has brought honor to her family, her profession, her
79 community and to the State of Mississippi:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
81 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
82 we do hereby commend the professional and civic leadership of Dr.
83 Freda M. Bush, M.D., and congratulate her upon her appointment and
84 installation as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the
85 Federation of State Medical Licensure Boards, and extend our best
86 wishes upon this auspicious occasion.

87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
88 Dr. Freda Bush, forwarded to the State Board of Medical Licensure
89 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

