MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representative Byrd

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. 2 BARBARA MAULDIN ON BECOMING THE 35TH WINNER OF MS. SENIOR AMERICA. WHEREAS, Dr. Barbara Mauldin of Petal, Mississippi, wife of 3 Dick Mauldin and mother of four sons and one daughter, through a 4 5 rigorous competition where she expressed her vibrant personality 6 and ballroom expertise for talent and excelled in interview, became the new Ms. Senior America 2015, the 35th winner of the 7 8 coveted crown and the epitome of the "Age of Elegance"; and 9 WHEREAS, keeping her feet on a strong foundation, Dr. Mauldin will represent the best of Senior America whether it be with the 10 11 USA Ballroom Dance Organizations or being on the ski slopes with the Far West Ski Association; and 12 13 WHEREAS, the embodiment of modern femininity, with more than the inner and outer beauty necessary to accomplish such heights in 14 this pageant, Dr. Mauldin graduated Magna Cum Laude with her 15 16 Doctor of Dental Medicine from the University of Mississippi 17 School of Dentistry, one of four women in her 50 person dental school class and one of the earliest female solo practicing 18 9 N1/2H. C. R. No. ~ OFFICIAL ~ 16/HR26/R439 PAGE 1 (AS\KW)

general dentists in 1984, furthermore, she served as the only 19 20 female Speaker of the House of Mississippi Dental Association; and 21 WHEREAS, a devoted member of the Petal United Methodist 22 Church, Dr. Mauldin lives out the guidance of Proverbs 31:8-9, 23 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the 24 rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the needy," through profound faith and laborious 25 26 work: including volunteering with dental mission trips in Peru, 27 Nicaraqua and Honduras; serving as a volunteer dentist on Holland 28 America cruise ships around the world; and winning the Rotary's highest award of Citation for Meritorious Service in 2007 for her 29 30 efforts during Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, not only has Dr. Mauldin torn down barriers 31 32 encountered by women in the fields of medicine and ministry, she 33 helped break the glass ceiling of the Rotarians by joining her 34 local Rotary club the year they began to invite women to become 35 members in 1989; she served in various offices in her district before she eventually served as Rotary International District 6840 36 37 Governor in 2013-2014, and she presently serves as weekly Rotary 101 chair of her local club; and 38

39 WHEREAS, possessing an impressionable kindred spirit of 40 inspired wisdom, Dr. Mauldin has a far-reaching and lasting effect 41 on all whom she encounters, capitalizing on her dental profession, 42 which places her in a path to encounter individuals from various

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45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize 46 the accomplishments of such outstanding leaders as Dr. Mauldin, 47 who has dedicated her life to God, family and service:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Barbara Mauldin on being chosen to represent Mississippi and America as Ms. Senior America and extend the heartiest wishes for success in all of her future endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be 55 furnished to Dr. Barbara Mauldin, and to the members of the 56 Capitol Press Corps.

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