

By: Senator(s) Simmons (13th), Jackson  
(32nd)

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 592

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE PASSING OF RENOWN  
2 MISSISSIPPI DELTA MEDICAL LEADER DR. WALTER (WALT) CORNELIUS  
3 GOUGH, JR., AND EXTENDING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS BEREAVED  
4 FAMILY.

5 WHEREAS, high on the list of godly heroes is the name Walter  
6 Cornelius Gough, Jr., M.D., (referred to as Walt by his beloved  
7 wife and Dr. Gough by those he served as their primary care  
8 physician). Dr. Gough was born April 24, 1943, in Pittsburgh,  
9 Pennsylvania, to his loving parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter (Kathryn)  
10 Cornelius Gough, Sr. Dr. Gough was preceded in death by his  
11 father, Walter Cornelius Gough, Sr.; mother, Kathryn Scott  
12 Grinnage-Gough; granddaughter, McKenzie Gibson; and first wife,  
13 Dr. Joy L. Wigfall-Gough; and

14 WHEREAS, just as successful in his academic career as he was  
15 professionally, Dr. Gough graduated from West Allegheny High  
16 School in Imperial, Pennsylvania, and later obtained his Bachelor  
17 of Arts degree in Biology, Chemistry and Math from Tarkio College  
18 in Tarkio, Missouri, in 1965. Graduating with honors, Dr. Gough  
19 obtained his Doctorate in Medicine from Meharry Medical College



20 School of Medicine in 1970. In 1971, Dr. Gough completed his  
21 internship in Major Surgery at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh,  
22 Pennsylvania, and went on to complete his residency again at Mercy  
23 Hospital in Pennsylvania in Anesthesiology in addition to Hubbard  
24 Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, specializing in Pediatrics.  
25 Along with successfully completing his residencies, Dr. Gough was  
26 also board-certified in the areas of Family Medicine, Pediatrics  
27 and Emergency Medicine; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Gough met and married his loving wife, May E.  
29 Bailey, September 24, 1974, and together they cherished 42 years  
30 of marriage, 43 years of devoted friendship and reared six  
31 talented children. Though never boastful, Dr. and Mrs. Gough  
32 proudly beamed that all of their children are productive citizens  
33 in the community in which they serve. In no specific birth order,  
34 we have Dr. Nora Gough-Davis (Family Nurse Practitioner),  
35 following in her father's footsteps in the field of medicine, as  
36 well as being her father's mentee until his passing. Also  
37 cherished by their mother and father are Marcus Washington  
38 (retiree), 28 years United States Army, Special Forces; Henry A.  
39 Bailey (retiree), 20 years United States Army and is currently  
40 serving his community as a law enforcement officer; Kathryn  
41 Gough-Jones (Master Educator); Lynette K. Gough (Effective  
42 Educator in Higher Education); and Wanda V. Washington,  
43 (Educational Administrator of Gifted and Talented Education); and



44           WHEREAS, Dr. Gough dedicated his medical career of more than  
45 46 years serving underserved communities across the Mississippi  
46 Delta, Nashville, Tennessee, rural Alabama, and West Helena,  
47 Arkansas. His work affiliations include: the Choctaw Indian  
48 Reservation in Philadelphia, Mississippi; the Taborian Hospital  
49 and Delta Health Center in Mound Bayou, Mississippi; Delta  
50 Regional Medical Center in Greenville, Mississippi; and North  
51 Sunflower Medical Center in Ruleville, Mississippi. Dr. Gough  
52 also provided emergency room medical care from 1972-1998 in  
53 Arkansas and Mississippi; and

54           WHEREAS, in addition to his diverse experiences gained while  
55 serving throughout the Delta region, Dr. Gough also served as the  
56 Medical Director of the Medical Records Department at Northern  
57 Sunflower Hospital (now known as North Sunflower Medical Center),  
58 and to keep the doors from closing by securing the medical and  
59 financial status of the Delta Health Center in Mound Bayou,  
60 Mississippi, Dr. Gough has served as the Medical Director on  
61 numerous occasions. Dearly loved by his patients and their  
62 families, Dr. Gough selflessly served and provided quality medical  
63 services to the Community of North Sunflower Medical Center in  
64 Ruleville, Mississippi; and

65           WHEREAS, beginning in 1984 until his passing on Tuesday,  
66 February 16, 2016, Dr. Gough (with the assistance of his nurse,  
67 Joann Pannel, LPN) opened Gough Family & Pediatrics Clinic in



68 Drew, Mississippi, with his wife (May), joining the family  
69 practice in 1992; and

70 WHEREAS, due to his profound positive impact that he  
71 demonstrated through the community and state, Dr. Gough served in  
72 numerous leadership positions and on medical boards. Not only was  
73 he a prominent medical provider, but also a mentor, community  
74 leader, and a man of integrity with a great sense of direction and  
75 accountability. Selflessly, Dr. Gough stood firm on key medical,  
76 social, and economic issues regarding the greater good of others.  
77 Though soft-spoken, Dr. Gough was recognized for speaking up for  
78 those unable to speak for themselves, especially those  
79 disenfranchised and economically challenged in the Mississippi  
80 Delta; and

81 WHEREAS, in 1980, Dr. Gough served as Vice President of the  
82 Mississippi Chapter of American College of Emergency Physicians  
83 (A.C.E.P.) and in 1999 became the first person of color to serve  
84 as the President. He also served as the A.C.E.P. Secretary from  
85 1995-1999. In 1989, Dr. Gough was elected to the Board of  
86 Trustees of Christian Medical Society. He served as Vice  
87 President of the Omega Man of the Year Committee from 1986-1996.  
88 He was appointed by Governor Ronnie Musgrove to serve on the State  
89 Board of Health from 2000-2006. In 2012, Dr. Gough was chosen as  
90 the Grand Marshal of the Cleveland Area Dr. Martin Luther King's  
91 Day Parade. Until his passing, Dr. Gough practiced faith



92 sincerely and faithfully as a member and Deacon of Jerusalem M.B.  
93 Church in Mound Bayou, Mississippi; and

94 WHEREAS, those left to cherish Dr. Gough's fondest memories:

95 his loving wife, May E. Bailey-Gough; six children: Wanda V.

96 Washington, Reno, Nevada; Marcus (LaForrest) Washington,

97 Fayetteville, North Carolina; Henry (Jocelynn) Bailey, Garland,

98 Texas; Lynette Gough, Huntsville, Alabama; Kathryn (David)

99 Gough-Jones, Jackson, Mississippi; and Nora (Anthony, Sr.)

100 Gough-Davis; 13 grandchildren: Victoria Gough, Adrienne Wilson,

101 LaMarra Washington, Anniyah Randall, Amayah Bailey, Aaliyah

102 Bailey, Christian Peeples, Christianna Peeples, Maria Aisha

103 Muhammad, Dawud Muhammad, Salimah Rachel Muhammad, Anthony Lezell

104 Davis, Jr., and Anna Marie Davis; two great-grandchildren, Trinity

105 Imani Wilson and Serenity Imara Wilson; mother-in-law, Beneva

106 Jones Bailey-Conway; Godson, Robert Brenson; devoted Nurse and

107 friend, Joann Pannel; and numerous other relatives and friends;

108 and

109 WHEREAS, an advocate for the less fortunate among us, Dr.

110 Gough was an example to others of how to live your convictions

111 with courage, and he will be missed by all who were fortunate

112 enough to have known his special wisdom and compassion:

113 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF

114 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That

115 we do hereby mourn the passing of renown Mississippi Delta Medical



116 Leader Dr. Walter (Walt) Cornelius Gough, Jr., and extend our  
117 deepest sympathy to his bereaved family.

118 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
119 the surviving family of Dr. Gough and made available to the  
120 Capitol Press Corps.

