

By: Representative Roberson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MR. JOE VAUGHN FOR HIS  
2 UNPARALLELED DEDICATION AND INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AS  
3 THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER/ASSOCIATE MEDICAL CENTER DIRECTOR OF  
4 THE G.V. "SONNY" MONTGOMERY VA HOSPITAL.

5 WHEREAS, the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery VA Hospital has  
6 benefitted tremendously since Joe P. Vaughn, a native of Durant,  
7 Mississippi, was named as the Chief Operating Officer/Associate  
8 Medical Center Director, as he has ensured that the veterans  
9 returning home after heroically defending our country receive the  
10 utmost treatment, care and rehabilitation; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughn received his bachelor of science degree  
12 in information technology from the University of Phoenix in 2003  
13 and his master's in business administration from Mississippi State  
14 University in 2007, and for 10 years, he courageously served his  
15 country as a member of the United States Navy; and

16 WHEREAS, as the Chief Operating Officer/Associate Medical  
17 Center Director, Mr. Vaughn oversees 45,000 unique patients, 1,800  
18 employees and a \$350 million annual budget as well as being  
19 responsible for all operational services of a multi-facility



20 health system consisting of 134-bed inpatient medical/surgical  
21 units, medical and surgical intensive care units, 80-bed community  
22 living center that provides long term care and palliative care  
23 services, and seven community based outpatient clinics throughout  
24 Mississippi; and

25 WHEREAS, equipped with copious amounts of intellectual  
26 strength and experience, Mr. Vaughn is able to solve very complex  
27 problems that help make the veteran's hospital much more efficient  
28 and effective in their operation; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughn demonstrates extraordinary business  
30 acumen and operational savvy, and because he implemented a sound  
31 resource board policy, developed budget plans with each manager  
32 and eliminated waste, he was able to reduce the budget deficit  
33 from \$36 million to \$18 million in just his first year; and

34 WHEREAS, with a commitment to providing veterans the most  
35 timely access to care that is second to none, Mr. Vaughn directed  
36 the execution of over \$30 million in construction projects to  
37 improve facility operations and increase access to care, and one  
38 such project is a True Beam linear accelerator, which will be the  
39 only one of its kind in Mississippi and will provide veterans with  
40 cutting edge radiation therapy treatment for cancer; and

41 WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughn also builds strong coalitions and  
42 collaborates closely with other agencies, holds himself and others  
43 accountable to produce results, and has a strong commitment to the  
44 present and future success of the organization; and



45           WHEREAS, by utilizing the years of experience and expertise  
46 under his belt, Joe Vaughn has righted a ship that had been  
47 veering off course for several years, and with his cardinal  
48 guidance and deft leadership at the helm, the G.V. "Sonny"  
49 Montgomery VA Hospital will continue to improve and thrive for  
50 years to come; and

51           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
52 recognize and honor fine Mississippians such as Mr. Joe Vaughn who  
53 are committed to serving the veterans who have sacrificed so much  
54 to defend the freedoms we all know and love, which brings honor  
55 and glory to this great Magnolia State:

56           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
57 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
58 recognize and honor Mr. Joe Vaughn for his unparalleled dedication  
59 and incredible leadership and service as the Chief Operating  
60 Officer/Associate Medical Center Director of the G.V. "Sonny"  
61 Montgomery VA Hospital, and extend sincere wishes for continued  
62 success in all of his future endeavors.

63           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
64 furnished to Mr. Joe Vaughn and to the members of the Capitol  
65 Press Corps.

