

By: Senator(s) Polk, Dearing, Jackson
(11th), Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 623

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS
2 AND STUDENTS FOR THEIR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS AND DEDICATION TO
3 IMPROVING THE HEALTH CARE OF MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS ON THE OCCASION
4 OF NATIONAL OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK APRIL 15-21, 2018.

5 WHEREAS, Osteopathic Medicine was developed in the late 1800s
6 by Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, M.D., D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathy), who
7 sought out a different approach to practicing medicine which
8 served to benefit the patient on a more holistic mind, body and
9 spirit approach; and

10 WHEREAS, Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine can practice in any
11 specialty with most of them serving in primary care, and this
12 helps to ease the rising tension of the physician shortage; and

13 WHEREAS, Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine use Osteopathic
14 Manipulative Treatment (OMT), which consists of a variety of
15 techniques targeted toward muscles, bones, the circulatory system,
16 and the nervous system to help bring balance to abnormal
17 physiological functions to include alleviating chronic pain
18 through nonpharmacological means which is beneficial during the
19 opioid crisis we are now facing; and



20 WHEREAS, Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine take pride in seeing
21 patients beyond their symptoms by including other aspects of
22 patients' lives into making diagnoses, such as socioeconomic
23 status, home life and occupation; and in doing so, they seek to
24 work with patients on preventative measures that could adversely
25 affect their health; and

26 WHEREAS, Osteopathic Medicine needs to be more fully
27 recognized in the City of Hattiesburg for its citizens to
28 appreciate the importance of Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine and
29 to encourage the community to actively recruit more Osteopathic
30 Physicians to practice in Mississippi; and

31 WHEREAS, there are 885 licensed Doctors of Osteopathic
32 Medicine in the State of Mississippi, of which 156 are currently
33 in postgraduate training, and there are over 400 currently
34 enrolled osteopathic medical students, some of whom are faculty
35 members and administration at the William Carey University College
36 of Osteopathic Medicine in Hattiesburg:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
39 we do hereby recognize osteopathic physicians and students for
40 their collective efforts and dedication to improving the health
41 care of Mississippi residents on the occasion of National
42 Osteopathic Medicine Week April 15-21, 2018.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
44 Tommy King, President of the William Carey University College of



45 Osteopathic Medicine and made available to the Capitol Press
46 Corps.

