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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING REPRESENTATIVE STEVE HOLLAND UPON
2 HIS RECEIPT OF THE 2018 "RED RASBERRY HUMANITARIAN AWARD," FOR HIS
3 36 YEARS OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, HIS
4 CONTINUED COMMITMENT OF SERVICE TO HIS CONSTITUENTS AND HIS
5 LITERARY WORK AS AN AUTHOR AND HUMANITARIAN.

6 WHEREAS, on April 17, 2018, Representative Steve Holland
7 (District 16) will receive the prestigious "Red Raspberry
8 Humanitarian Award" in honor of his support for the Regional
9 Rehabilitation Center in Tupelo, Mississippi, and for his legacy
10 of commitment to his community; and

11 WHEREAS, the mission of the Regional Rehabilitation Center is
12 to, at no cost to the individual, restore and enhance the quality
13 of life of North Mississippians with disabling conditions through
14 rehabilitation services characterized by quality care and personal
15 attention; and

16 WHEREAS, the award is named for John A. "Red" Raspberry.
17 Twice under the leadership of Mr. Raspberry, the Rehab Center was a
18 part of Tupelo's successful All-American City designation.
19 Through the Mississippi State Department of Health, clinics are



20 held at the center throughout the year. A Cleft Palate Clinic is
21 held four times a year, bringing in 25 to 30 children to be seen
22 by a plastic surgeon, a pediatric dentist, an oral surgeon, and
23 orthodontists supported by the staff Speech Pathologists and
24 Audiologist of the Rehab Center. Also, four times a year an
25 Orthopedic Clinic is held with six to eight donors traveling from
26 LeBonheur to see 75 to 100 patients. Again, staff support of the
27 Physical and Occupational Therapy Departments is made available to
28 these physicians. The Regional Rehabilitation Center has also
29 been the launching point for several agencies that are now
30 freestanding: McDougal Center, Vocational Rehabilitation (now
31 known as AbilityWorks), the Work Opportunity Resource Center,
32 Vocational Rehabilitation Center for the Blind (now known as
33 REACH), and Royal Maid Industries for the Blind (now known as LC
34 Industries). The Rehab Center has been instrumental in pilot
35 projects, either in identification of need and partnering or
36 releasing them to appropriate agencies. Three such projects have
37 been the Hard-of-Hearing Classroom (which served the Tippah,
38 Benton, Union, Itawamba and Alcorn Counties), the Physically
39 Handicapped classrooms and the Dyslexia Program. In 1999, the
40 center, through grant funds from the Mississippi State Department
41 of Health, was named an Early Intervention site in Northeast
42 Mississippi providing services to the zero to three years of age
43 population. And last, but not least, after almost fifty years,
44 the Rehab Center has completed the much-needed \$2,288,000.00



45 renovation. Currently, the center is providing approximately
46 20,000 services annually to 2,000 clients in 25 counties in
47 Northeast Mississippi; and

48 WHEREAS, we pay tribute and cherish fondly the association
49 with our friend from the House of Representatives who is a most
50 public-spirited citizen of Mississippi with enormous civic energy:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
52 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize Representative Steve
53 Holland upon his receipt of the 2018 "Red Raspberry Humanitarian
54 Award", for his 36 years of legislative service to the State of
55 Mississippi, his continued commitment of service to his
56 constituents and his literary work as an Author and Humanitarian.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 Steve Holland.

