

By: Representatives Dortch, Banks, Bell
(65th), Calhoun, Clarke, Cockerham, Hines,
Johnson (94th), Sykes, Walker, Williams-
Barnes

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING DR.
2 EARLEXIA M. NORWOOD UPON BEING NAMED AS THE 19TH PRESIDENT OF THE
3 JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND FOR HER
4 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A BOARD-CERTIFIED FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN.

5 WHEREAS, Earlexia Montoya Norwood, M.D., a renowned
6 board-certified family medicine physician and native of Jackson,
7 Mississippi, is being honored for being named the 19th president
8 of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association
9 (JSUNAA); and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood, a 1984 W.E.B. Du Bois Honors College
11 graduate of Jackson State University (JSU) and a 1988 graduate of
12 the University of Iowa Medical School, believes the body is a gift
13 from God and requires care and regular maintenance - a belief that
14 has served her well throughout her inspiring practice; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood has practiced medicine with Henry Ford
16 Health System (HFHS) since 1993, and currently serves as Director
17 of Practice Development for Henry Ford Medical Group as well as
18 Service Chief of Family Medicine for West Bloomfield Hospital in
19 Michigan; and



20 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood is also an Assistant Clinical Professor
21 for Wayne State University School of Medicine and serves on the
22 Multicultural Leadership Committee for the American Heart
23 Association, and she has been featured as a medical expert on
24 numerous television networks, radio programs and printed
25 publications, which speaks to the reverence she has earned in the
26 medical community; and

27 WHEREAS, due to her pioneering spirit, Dr. Norwood was
28 elected as the Inaugural President of the Organization of
29 Physicians, Academicians and Executive Leaders (OPAL), which is a
30 Henry Ford Health System Employee Resource Group (ERG); and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood is a member of several professional
32 organizations, some of which include the American Academy of
33 Family Physicians (AAFP), American Medical Association (AMA),
34 National Medical Association (NMA) and the Michigan State Medical
35 Society (MSMS), and she has served as a member of the NMA House of
36 Delegates, the NMA Council on Medical Legislation and as a member
37 of the American College of Executive Physicians (ACEP); and

38 WHEREAS, throughout her rewarding career, Dr. Norwood has
39 received several honors, some of which include: 2016 Michigan
40 Chronicle, "Woman of Excellence Award"; Health and Wellness
41 Honoree - 100 Black Men of Greater Detroit; "Focus on People" HFHS
42 Community Service Award; Top Doc Award from *HOUR Magazine*
43 (multiple years); Who's Who of Health Professionals; Who's Who of
44 Women in America; Who's Who in Black Detroit; "Above and Beyond"



45 and "Spirit" Awards from Troy Medical Center, Robert E. Birk
46 Award, Excellence in Research and the Distinguished Alumni Award
47 from the National Association of Equal Opportunity - all
48 testaments of her passion for the community and the field of
49 medicine; and

50 WHEREAS, in addition to her career and community related
51 honors, the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation
52 honored Dr. Norwood with their prestigious Legacy of Leaders
53 Award, as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year recipient due to
54 her leadership, dedication and stellar record of service; and

55 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood also was honored, in 2014, as she was
56 selected as the JSUNAA Alumnus of the Year, and, in 2015, she was
57 inducted into the Hall of Fame by the association; and

58 WHEREAS, as the current president of JSUNAA, Dr. Norwood
59 continues her impressive legacy of service as she gathers time,
60 talent and treasure to implement the worthy goals of the
61 association as well as to assist current JSU students in their
62 graduating with degrees that will prepare them for a bright
63 future; and

64 WHEREAS, notably, throughout her endeavors, Dr. Norwood has
65 been lovingly supported by her husband, Robert E. Norwood, and
66 their two daughters, Gabriel and Mikhaella Norwood; and

67 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to honor and
68 recognize an outstanding Mississippian such as Dr. Norwood whose



69 passion for helping others while challenging minds and changing
70 lives will be treasured for generations to come:

71 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
72 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
73 THEREIN, That we do hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Earlexia M.
74 Norwood upon being named the 19th president of the Jackson State
75 University National Alumni Association and for her accomplishments
76 as a board-certified family medicine physician.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
78 furnished to Dr. Earlexia M. Norwood and to the members of the
79 Capitol Press Corps.

