

By: Representatives Staples, Scoggin

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MS. RENEE
2 BRETT FOR 40 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE MISSISSIPPI
3 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

4 WHEREAS, as an outstanding pillar of her community, Ms. Renee
5 Brett has diligently served the Mississippi Department of Mental
6 Health for 40 years and has become synonymous with unparalleled
7 service to her community and to the State of Mississippi, after
8 having first begun her prestigious career on August 21, 1978; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Brett is a licensed mental health administrator,
10 Mississippi certified public manager, a certified IDD therapist
11 and a licensed nursing home administrator, and she graduated from
12 the John C. Stennis State Executive Development Institute of
13 Mississippi and the Mississippi Certified Public Managers Program;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, a stellar employee and a proven invaluable asset to
16 the department's systems of operation and functionality, Ms.
17 Brett's exceptional performance garnered her much admiration and
18 respect, and afforded her the opportunity to serve in numerous



19 positions, such as Recreation Aide, Music Therapist Supervisor,
20 Director of the Interdisciplinary Teams, Director of Ellisville
21 State School, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Intellectual and
22 Developmental Disabilities and Director of the Bureau of
23 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, a position she has
24 held since 2017; and

25 WHEREAS, always emphasizing people's abilities instead of
26 their disabilities, Ms. Brett believes that the people she serves
27 have a right to make their own decisions to live the life they
28 want to live, and because she is tremendously community oriented,
29 she works tirelessly to educate the public about people with
30 disabilities; and

31 WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Brett has
32 served with numerous professional organizations, including the
33 Mississippi Department of Mental Health Intellectual and
34 Developmental Disabilities Curricula Steering Committee, the
35 Mississippi Department of Mental Health Electronic Records
36 Committee, the American Association on Intellectual and
37 Developmental Disabilities/MS Chapter, the Mississippi Society for
38 Certified Public Managers and the ARC of Mississippi, and she
39 served as a board member and vice-president for Right to Succeed,
40 Inc.; and

41 WHEREAS, dedicated to excellence, Ms. Brett received the
42 American Association on Intellectual and Developmental
43 Disabilities/MS Chapter's Paul D. Cotten Leadership Award in 2003,



44 and the Gold Star Service Award in 2004, and she has given
45 professional presentations at the Mississippi Chapter of the
46 American Association on Mental Retardation MH/MR Joint Conference
47 and submitted an article for the American Association on Mental
48 Retardation Newsletter; and

49 WHEREAS, in her community, Ms. Brett is an advisory council
50 member for Ability Works in Laurel, Mississippi, and a member of
51 the Fidelia Club of Ellisville, Mississippi, and she has also
52 served as a Parish Council Member, an Education Committee Member
53 and a member of the Catholic Youth Organization at Immaculate
54 Conception Catholic Church, and she is active with the Jones
55 County Relay for Life and Jones County Heart Walk each year; and

56 WHEREAS, as a champion and fervent advocate for individuals
57 with disabilities, Ms. Brett's consistency in performance has
58 never waived from the date she began her prestigious career, and
59 her dedication and commitment to her community and to the State of
60 Mississippi inspires all of those around her to strive for
61 excellence each day; and

62 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
63 outstanding Mississippians, especially those such as Ms. Renee
64 Brett, whose legacy of selflessness, hard work, professionalism
65 and overall commitment to improving the lives of others, her
66 community and her state, has made an indelible mark on the
67 Mississippi Department of Mental Health and all those who are
68 privileged to know and work with her:



69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
70 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
71 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and commend Ms. Renee Brett
72 for 40 years of outstanding service to the Mississippi Department
73 of Mental Health, and extend best wishes for continued success in
74 all of her future endeavors.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
76 furnished to Ms. Renee Brett and to the members of the Capitol
77 Press Corps.

