

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING LEGACY AND CIVIC  
2 CONTRIBUTIONS OF LINDA ROSS ALDY, C.A.E., UPON THE OCCASION OF HER  
3 RETIREMENT AFTER 16 YEARS OF EFFECTIVE SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE  
4 DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION.

5 WHEREAS, Linda Ross Aldy began overseeing the operations of  
6 the Mississippi Optometric Association (MOA) as its Executive  
7 Director in 2005 and was only the third executive director in its  
8 history, having served in that role for 16 years, and she  
9 officially retired from the association on December 31, 2021; and

10 WHEREAS, her professional activities and associations are a  
11 matter of record:

12 • She is a recent recipient of the Virgil Deering Optometric  
13 Executive Director Award, which is presented annually to an  
14 outstanding State Optometric Executive Director, recognizing the  
15 dedicated, capable leadership and support that State Optometric  
16 Associations receive from their executive directors;

17 • She served on the faculty of the State of Mississippi's  
18 Personnel Board Training Division;



19           • She is a graduate of and advisor to Mississippi Economic  
20 Development's Leadership Mississippi Program, the nation's second  
21 oldest state leadership program;

22           • She has served on the advisory board for the Hayes Center  
23 for Practice Excellence at Southern College of Optometry in  
24 Memphis, Tennessee, and on the executive board of the  
25 International Association of Optometric Executives, eventually  
26 serving as president;

27           • She earned the Certified Association Executive designation  
28 through the American Society of Association Executives;

29           • She is a former member of the Board of Directors for the  
30 Mississippi Society of Association Executives and continues to be  
31 actively involved in the organization;

32           • She has also served as a member of the Board of Directors  
33 for the Mississippi Nurses' Foundation and is a past-president of  
34 the National Alumni Association of the Mississippi University for  
35 Women;

36           • She and her family own and operate three Cups coffee shop  
37 franchises in the Jackson, Mississippi, metro area with two more  
38 shops scheduled to open soon; and

39           WHEREAS, she has been named as one of Mississippi's "50  
40 Leading Businesswomen" in recognition of her accomplishments as an  
41 author, former newspaper reporter, editor and television host; and

42           WHEREAS, she is a cum laude graduate of Mississippi  
43 University for Women, the Stennis Center Executive Management



44 Institute and has completed coursework through the University of  
45 Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, Executive Development  
46 Program; and

47 WHEREAS, she is a former State Agency Director, having served  
48 as Executive Director of what is now the Mississippi Department of  
49 Employment Security, and she has worked for two Mississippi  
50 Governors; and

51 WHEREAS, during her tenure as Executive Director of the MOA,  
52 Mrs. Aldy was particularly successful in hosting an annual  
53 reception for the members of the Legislature, which took place at  
54 the old Denney's Restaurant, in conjunction with the annual  
55 meeting of the MOA, which provided members an excellent  
56 opportunity to discuss important practice issues with the policy  
57 makers; and

58 WHEREAS, Mrs. Aldy is the daughter of the late Mr. Richard  
59 Ross, former District 4 Supervisor of Yalobusha County, and Mrs.  
60 Margaret Jean Ross, matriarch of Oakland, Mississippi, supporter  
61 of the development and progress of the Town of Oakland, and a  
62 shining example and role model for her daughter; and

63 WHEREAS, she was instrumental in establishing the Chamber of  
64 Commerce for Yalobusha County, offering great assistance to the  
65 place she was born and raised, and she continues to offer such  
66 great support; and

67 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
68 commend a most public-spirited citizen of Mississippi whose



69 professional accomplishments and effective leadership have brought  
70 honor to the practice of optometry and to the State of  
71 Mississippi:

72         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
73 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
74 recognize the outstanding legacy and civic contributions of Linda  
75 Ross Aldy, C.A.E., upon the occasion of her retirement after 16  
76 years of effective service as Executive Director of the  
77 Mississippi Optometric Association (MOA) and extend to Mrs. Aldy  
78 and her family our best wishes for future success.

79         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
80 furnished to Linda Ross Aldy, the State Board of Optometry, the  
81 Board of Directors of the Mississippi Optometric Association and  
82 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

