

By: Representative Robinson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 78

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MRS. LINDA GAVIN
2 UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL
3 MEDICAL CENTER AND RECEIPT OF THE HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR HONOR.

4 WHEREAS, after more than four decades of distinguished and
5 meritorious service, Mrs. Linda Gavin has entered the prestigious
6 and sacred institution of retirement, leaving behind a legacy of
7 exceptional leadership and dedication to the families of Jones
8 County, Mississippi, as Vice President of Marketing and Business
9 Development at South Central Regional Medical Center; and

10 WHEREAS, a longtime community leader who, upon having
11 relocated to Laurel, has dedicated her life and career in service
12 to others, initially as a staff member of *The Laurel Leader-Call*,
13 before joining South Central Regional Medical Center, Mrs. Gavin
14 has consistently perpetuated and championed the role of a people's
15 advocate; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gavin's journey to Laurel and investiture as a
17 bona fide Jones countian has proven to be an innocuous infusion of



18 civic and humanitarian effort, the benefits of which every citizen
19 of Jones County has reaped a bountiful harvest; and

20 WHEREAS, in a judicious decision to pay forward opportunity
21 to highlight the importance of selfless civic and social
22 engagement with utmost professionalism and humility, Mrs. Gavin
23 became a member of the Junior Auxiliary of Laurel and the first
24 female member of the Laurel Rotary Club, an affiliation that would
25 also allow her to shatter the glass ceiling of becoming the
26 organization's first female president and endowment by Rotary
27 International as a Paul Harris Fellow; and

28 WHEREAS, throughout her esteemed career and residency, Mrs.
29 Gavin's natural affinity for promoting enhanced enrichment
30 opportunities for youth, has garnered her great rapport among her
31 professional and community peers, which has translated in her
32 receipt of numerous accolades and recognitions, including:
33 Marketing Person of the Year by the Mississippi Hospital
34 Association, Top 50 Businesswomen by the *Mississippi Business*
35 *Journal*, Young Careerist of the Year by the Business and
36 Professional Women of Laurel, Volunteer of the Year by EDA of
37 Jones County, and Humanitarian of the Year by the Junior Auxiliary
38 of Laurel; and

39 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gavin has earned the admiration and respect of
40 her colleagues and community members throughout Jones County for
41 her commitment, tireless devotion to promoting youth
42 opportunities, professionalism, and compassionate spirit and soul



43 that continue to serve her beloved Laurel and Jones County
44 communities; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
46 pay tribute to an outstanding public servant such as Mrs. Gavin,
47 whose selfless service honors the spirit of hope and hospitality
48 for Jones County and the State of Mississippi, which will be
49 forever treasured in the many lives she touched:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
51 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
52 commend and congratulate Mrs. Linda Gavin for her legacy of career
53 excellence upon the occasion of her retirement as Vice President
54 of Marketing and Business Development at South Central Regional
55 Medical Center, extend our best wishes to her and her family on
56 this auspicious occasion, and convey our hopes for much success in
57 all of her future endeavors.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
59 furnished to Mrs. Linda Gavin and to the members of the Capitol
60 Press Corps.

