

By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th), Barnett,  
Jordan, Simmons (12th), Simmons (13th),  
Horhn, Butler (36th), Butler (38th), Turner-  
Ford, Thomas, Frazier, Norwood, Blackmon,  
Hickman, England, Hill, McCaughn, McDaniel,  
McLendon, Michel

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 568

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF DR. JAMES  
2 OLIVER, M.D., AS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO GRADUATE FROM THE  
3 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

4 WHEREAS, James Oliver, a native son of Mississippi was the  
5 first African American to graduate from the University of  
6 Mississippi School of Medicine; and

7 WHEREAS, a highly respected Physician, Assistant Professor of  
8 Internal Medicine and Cardiologist in the Maryland, Virginia and  
9 District of Columbia area, Dr. Oliver is Board Certified by the  
10 American Board of Internal Medicine. After practicing medicine  
11 for 40 years, he is currently retired and living in Chesapeake  
12 Beach, Maryland; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Oliver's career included the following  
14 impressive assignments: United States Army, Honorable discharge,  
15 1965-1968; Internship, Harvard University Medical Service Boston  
16 City Hospital, 1972-1973; Resident/Fellowship, Boston University  
17 Medical/Cardiology Service Boston City Hospital, 1973-1976;



18 Director of Coronary Care Unit Howard University Hospital,  
19 1976-1983; Assistant Professor Howard University School of  
20 Medicine; Private practice Internal Medicine and Cardiology,  
21 Washington, D.C., 1983-2017; Providence Hospital, Washington,  
22 D.C., Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C., Cardiology  
23 attending on the teaching service; 1983-2017; Chairman of the  
24 Department of Medicine, Providence Hospital, Washington, D.C.,  
25 2017; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Oliver's education and credentials: Mississippi  
27 Valley State, Bachelor of Science, Biology, graduated sixth in the  
28 class, 1959-1963; University of Dayton, 1963-1965; University of  
29 Mississippi, Doctor of Medicine Degree, 1968-1972; Board  
30 Certified, American Board of Internal Medicine; Licensed Physician  
31 in Washington, D.C., and State of Maryland.

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Oliver's legacy needs to be told. His medical  
33 career has brought honor to his profession, his family, his  
34 adopted community, and to the State of Mississippi:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
36 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
37 we do hereby recognize the legacy of Dr. James Oliver, M.D., as  
38 the first African American to graduate from the University of  
39 Mississippi School of Medicine, and extend to Dr. Oliver and his  
40 family our best wishes as he enjoys his retirement.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
42 Dr. James Oliver, forwarded to the Dean of the University of



43 Mississippi School of Medicine and the Board of Trustees of State  
44 Institutions of Higher Learning and be made available to the  
45 Capitol Press Corps.

