

By: Senator(s) Parker, Blackwell, Caughman,
Bryan, Horhn, Thomas, Jackson (11th), Jordan,
Butler (38th), Chassaniol, Norwood, Boyd,
Frazier, Branning

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

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 (MOA).

5 WHEREAS, Linda Aldy Ross began overseeing the operations of
6 the Mississippi Optometric Association as its Executive Director
7 in 2005 and was only the third Executive Director in its history,
8 having served in that role for 16 years. She officially retired
9 from the MOA 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 the Mississippi
20 Economic Development's Leadership Mississippi Program, the
21 nation's second 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 Mississippi University for
35 Women, commonly known as The W;

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 has worked for two Mississippi Governors;
50 and

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

57 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend a most
58 public-spirited citizen of Mississippi whose professional
59 accomplishments and effective leadership have brought honor to the
60 practice of optometry and to the State of Mississippi:

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
62 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize the outstanding legacy
63 and civic contributions of Linda Ross Aldy, C.A.E., upon the
64 occasion of her retirement after 16 years of effective service as
65 Executive Director of the Mississippi Optometric Association (MOA)
66 and extend to Linda and her family our best wishes for future
67 success.



68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
69 Linda Ross Aldy, forwarded to the State Board of Optometry and the
70 Board of Directors of the Mississippi Optometric Association and
71 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

