

By: Representative McCarty

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND  
2 LEGACY OF DR. KATHERINE FOKAKIS "KATIE" PATTERSON, AND EXPRESSING  
3 DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi suffered the loss of an  
5 exemplary family physician in Katherine Fokakis "Katie" Patterson,  
6 MD, who succumbed to a brief and sudden illness on September 4,  
7 2022; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson grew up in southern Mississippi,  
9 having attended Hattiesburg High School and subsequently  
10 matriculated at the University of Southern Mississippi, where she  
11 graduated magna cum laude, before moving to Jackson and attending  
12 the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, where she  
13 graduated magna cum laude in May 2003, as a distinguished member  
14 of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and Phi Kappa Phi  
15 Honor Society; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson completed her family medicine  
17 residency as well as a women's health fellowship from the Corpus  
18 Christi Family Practice Residency Program, and then followed her



19 heart back to Mississippi, where she joined the Indianola Family  
20 Medical Group and South Sunflower County Hospital in 2007,  
21 establishing a large practice in the underserved Mississippi  
22 Delta, providing full spectrum care, including obstetrics, during  
23 her entire time in practice; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson served future physicians in the State  
25 of Mississippi as a passionate advocate for the Mississippi Rural  
26 Physicians Scholarship Program and the Office of Mississippi  
27 Physician Workforce, while also donning the intrepid and necessary  
28 role as a teacher, educating countless medical students and  
29 residents, hosting rural rotations, obstetrical blocks, lectures  
30 and mentoring; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson was recognized for her exemplary  
32 contributions to family medicine in July 2022, with her selection  
33 for the John B. Howell Memorial Award as the Family Physician of  
34 the Year by the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians; and

35 WHEREAS, though she has now departed the earthly realm to  
36 bask in the presence of the great Deity in the spirit realm, Dr.  
37 Patterson's enduring legacy of service will forever be cherished  
38 in the hearts of her beloved survivors: her husband, David  
39 Clayton Patterson; four sons, Samuel Clayton Patterson, Reilly  
40 Campbell Patterson, Nicholas Brayden Patterson and John Kastens  
41 Patterson; father, Dr. Arthur Nick Fokakis; siblings, Virginia  
42 "Ginny" Fokakis Williams (Gary) and Dr. Terry Nick Fokakis



43 (Kendra); and six nephews with one in expectancy; and a host of  
44 over other relatives, colleagues and friends; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
46 commend the life of such a selflessly remarkable servant and  
47 follower of Christ as Dr. Patterson, whose departure leaves a hole  
48 in the hearts and lives of her patients, colleagues, friends and  
49 family that will never be filled:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
51 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
52 mourn the loss and commemorate, with deep gratitude, the life of  
53 Dr. Katherine Fokakis Patterson for her inspirational dedication  
54 and extraordinary service to her patients, to the family of  
55 medicine, and to the State of Mississippi, and extend deepest  
56 sympathy to her family and friends upon her passing.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
58 furnished to the family of Dr. Katherine Fokakis "Katie"  
59 Patterson, the President of the Mississippi Academy of Family  
60 Physicians and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

