

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Barnett, Butler (38th) To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

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

4 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi suffered the loss of an  
5 exemplary family physician in Katherine Teresa "Katie" Patterson,  
6 MD, who passed away on September 4, 2022; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson grew up in southern Mississippi,  
8 attending Hattiesburg High School and the University of Southern  
9 Mississippi, where she graduated magna cum laude, before moving to  
10 Jackson and attending the University of Mississippi School of  
11 Medicine, where she graduated magna cum laude, Alpha Omega Alpha,  
12 and Phi Kappa Phi in May 2003; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson completed her family medicine  
14 residency as well as a women's health fellowship from the Corpus  
15 Christi Family Practice Residency Program, and then followed her  
16 heart back to Mississippi, where she joined the Indianola Family  
17 Medical Group and South Sunflower County Hospital in 2007,  
18 establishing a large practice in the underserved Mississippi



19 Delta, providing full spectrum care, including obstetrics during  
20 her entire time in practice; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson served future physicians in the State  
22 of Mississippi as a passionate advocate for the Mississippi Rural  
23 Physicians Scholarship Program and the Office of Mississippi  
24 Physician Workforce, and also as a teacher, educating countless  
25 medical students and residents, hosting rural rotations,  
26 obstetrical blocks, lectures, and mentoring; and

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

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson is survived by her husband, David, and  
32 their sons Samuel, Reilly, Nicholas, and John Kastens; and

33 WHEREAS, the loss of Katie Patterson leaves a hole that will  
34 never be filled in the hearts and lives of her patients,  
35 colleagues, friends, and family;

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
37 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby mourn the loss and commemorate with  
38 deep gratitude the life of Dr. Katherine Fokakis Patterson for her  
39 inspirational dedication and extraordinary service to her  
40 patients, to the family of medicine, and to the State of  
41 Mississippi;

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
43 furnished to the family of Dr. Katherine Fokakis "Katie" Patterson



44 and the President of the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians,  
45 and made available to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

