

By: Representative Shanks

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MISSISSIPPI METHODIST
2 HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH
3 ANNIVERSARY AND COMMENDING THE INSTITUTION FOR 50 YEARS OF
4 RESTORING ABILITIES AND HOPE TO THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED
5 DISABLING ILLNESSES AND INJURIES.

6 WHEREAS, Mississippi Methodist Hospital and Rehabilitation
7 Center, a freestanding, nonprofit comprehensive rehabilitation
8 hospital located in Jackson, Mississippi, has served the citizens
9 of Mississippi and beyond with unwavering dedication for 50 years,
10 offering hope, healing, and restored independence to hundreds of
11 thousands of patients with strokes, brain and spinal injuries, and
12 other neurological and orthopedic conditions; and

13 WHEREAS, recognizing Mississippi's critical lack of
14 rehabilitative care facilities for catastrophic injury patients,
15 including those with strokes, brain injuries, and spinal cord
16 injuries, the founders of Methodist Rehabilitation Center
17 established the revolutionary hospital to fill this void and give
18 patients an opportunity to seek treatment without leaving the
19 state; and



20 WHEREAS, since admitting its first patient on May 5, 1975,
21 Methodist Rehabilitation Center has remained unparalleled in its
22 field, renowned as a place where miracles happen – where patients
23 who once believed they would never walk again are walking, where
24 those who thought they would never work again are earning a
25 living, and where individuals who once faced a lifetime confined
26 to a hospital bed are now living independently and thriving in
27 their communities; and

28 WHEREAS, over the past five decades, Methodist Rehabilitation
29 Center has expanded from 60 beds to 124 beds, adding four floors
30 to the hospital, and broadened its innovative services to increase
31 access to care, including specialized outpatient therapy clinics
32 and statewide orthotics and prosthetics clinics, which help
33 patients regain function and reclaim their futures; and

34 WHEREAS, in 1998, Methodist Rehabilitation Center
35 revolutionized the industry when it established the Center for
36 Neuroscience and Neurological Recovery, which has pioneered
37 important research to improve treatment outcomes, produced several
38 hundred publications that have been disseminated worldwide, and
39 advanced the global understanding of rehabilitative medicine; and

40 WHEREAS, six years later, Methodist Rehabilitation Center
41 opened the Methodist Specialty Care Center, Mississippi's only
42 facility dedicated to the long-term care of adults with severe
43 disabilities, providing a breathtakingly beautiful and efficient



home where residents can thrive, remain active, and enjoy life under the compassionate care of skilled professionals; and

WHEREAS, Methodist Rehabilitation Center was the first hospital in Mississippi to be named one of America's Best Hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*, and the prestigious institution has since been recognized a second time, a testament to its continued excellence in the field of rehabilitative medicine; and

WHEREAS, in addition to increasing access to treatment for patients, Methodist Rehabilitation Center has also provided advanced clinical educational opportunities for thousands of students, including residency training for physicians and physical therapists, clinical rotations for nursing and therapy students, and occupational therapy for students completing a capstone project; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding institution's contributions to Mississippi's healthcare landscape have been truly transformational, setting a high standard for rehabilitative medicine and ensuring that individuals with disabilities receive the care, resources, and support necessary to lead fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, Methodist Rehabilitation Center has consistently upheld its mission as a nonprofit hospital, continuously reinvesting in innovative technology and clinical programs and



68 ensuring that individuals receive the specialized care they need
69 regardless of their financial circumstances; and

70 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
71 and commend excellence, such as that demonstrated by Mississippi
72 Methodist Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, an exceptional
73 institution that has made extraordinary contributions to the State
74 of Mississippi over the last 50 years, diligently honoring its
75 commitment to restore ability and hope to all those it serves:

76 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
77 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
78 THEREIN, That we do hereby congratulate Mississippi Methodist
79 Hospital and Rehabilitation Center upon the occasion of its 50th
80 anniversary, commend the healthcare institution for five decades
81 of restoring independence and improving lives, and extend our
82 deepest gratitude to the physicians, researchers, healthcare
83 professionals, staff, and volunteers who have made this hospital a
84 beacon of hope and healing for so many.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
86 furnished to Mississippi Methodist Hospital and Rehabilitation
87 Center and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

