

By: Representative Creekmore IV

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 64

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. PHYLLIS POLK
2 JOHNSON, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, ON HER ELECTION AS THE 2024-2026
3 PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING AND
4 HER SUCCESS AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF
5 NURSING.

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Phyllis Polk Johnson, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, Executive
7 Director of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, has a distinguished
8 career in the field of nursing regulation which has earned her the
9 prestigious distinction of being elected the 2024-2026 President
10 of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN); and

11 WHEREAS, the NCSBN, a world leader in nursing regulatory
12 knowledge and advancement which is comprised of member nursing
13 regulatory bodies from all 50 states and around the world,
14 empowers and supports regulators in their mandate to protect and
15 promote the welfare of the public and interests of the profession
16 of nursing; and

17 WHEREAS, since 2017, Dr. Johnson has ably served the State of
18 Mississippi as the Executive Director of the Mississippi Board of
19 Nursing, the state agency vested with the authority to regulate



20 the practice of nursing through licensure, and in this role, she
21 has been responsible for the oversight of nearly 70,000 nurses,
22 including RNs, LPNs and APRNs; and

23 WHEREAS, before being named Executive Director of the Board
24 of Nursing, Dr. Johnson served as the Director of Advanced
25 Practice and Licensure for the board, where she was responsible
26 for the regulation of licensure, compliance and discipline for the
27 more than 5,000 nurse practitioners, nurse midwives and certified
28 registered nurse anesthetists; and

29 WHEREAS, a native of Carthage, Mississippi, Dr. Johnson,
30 whose parents instilled in her the value of hard work and a desire
31 to excel at a young age, graduated as salutatorian of her class
32 from South Leake High School in Walnut Grove before earning a
33 bachelor of science in nursing, cum laude, and a master of science
34 in nursing from the Mississippi University for Women, as well as a
35 master of science in biology, with an emphasis in genetics and
36 molecular biology, from Jackson State University; and

37 WHEREAS, since taking the helm at the Board of Nursing, Dr.
38 Johnson has furthered her education by completing a doctor of
39 nursing practice degree from Alcorn State University with a 4.0
40 GPA, all the while cultivating a culture of excellence for the
41 agency's employees and staff and steering the board on a steady
42 course; and

43 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson, who has exercised numerous clinical and
44 managerial responsibilities in her more than 35 years of nursing,



has been instrumental at the Board of Nursing in developing rules and regulations pertaining to the prescribing practices of Advanced Practice Nurses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson's wisdom, natural leadership abilities, tireless work ethic, and commitment to excellence have led to her appointment to numerous important advisory boards and committees, including: the Governor's Opioid and Heroin Drug Task Force; the Governor's COVID-19 Advisory Board; the NCSBN National Licensure Compact Executive Committee; the Jackson State University COVID-19 Advisory Board; the Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure's Advisory Committee for Physician Assistants; the Advisory Committee for the Project Change Initiative of My Brother's Keeper; and Chairman of the Madison County Business League and Foundation Health and Well-Being Committee; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her countless contributions, Dr. Johnson has been the worthy recipient of several notable awards, including the Mississippi Business Journal's 2019 Mississippi's Business Woman of the Year and the 2021 Madison County Economic Development Authority Visionary Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, a decorated officer in the United States Navy Reserves who achieved the rank of Commander before retiring in 2013, Dr. Johnson is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and actively participates in the renowned service organization's Jackson, Mississippi, Alumnae Chapter; and



69 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson is lovingly supported in all her
70 professional and volunteer work in the community by her husband,
71 Clinton Johnson, Jr., her two sons, William and Trey, and seven
72 adoring grandchildren; and

73 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
74 honor remarkable Mississippians such as Dr. Phyllis Polk Johnson,
75 a tireless servant whose tremendous talent as a world leader in
76 the field of nursing regulation and unwavering commitment to
77 bettering the lives of others has benefited not only the citizens
78 of our state but also throughout the country and beyond, thereby
79 bringing glory and honor to the State of Mississippi:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
81 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
82 commend and congratulate Dr. Phyllis Polk Johnson, DNP, RN,
83 FNP-BC, on her election as the 2024-2026 President of the National
84 Council of State Boards of Nursing and her success as the
85 Executive Director of the Mississippi Board of Nursing and extend
86 to her best wishes for every success in all her future endeavors.

87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
88 furnished to Dr. Phyllis Polk Johnson, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, and to the
89 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

