

By: Representatives Bourdeaux, Young,  
Robinson (84th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 148  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. WILLIAM RILEY FOR  
2 RECEIVING THE 1999 MERIDIAN STAR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. William Riley, a resident of Meridian,  
4 Mississippi, has been named the 1999 Meridian Star Citizen of the  
5 Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Riley, a 1945 graduate of Vanderbilt  
7 University's School of Medicine, completed his internship in  
8 pediatrics at the John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland,  
9 before serving the United States Army for two years during World  
10 War II; and

11 WHEREAS, after his release from active military duty, Dr.  
12 Riley resumed his pediatric residency training, spending one year  
13 at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and completing his  
14 residency in pediatrics at Vanderbilt University Hospital before  
15 returning to Meridian to join his father in his private pediatrics  
16 practice; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Riley, along with his brother, Dr. Richard  
18 Riley, sold Riley Memorial Hospital, a hospital founded by their  
19 father, Franklin Gail Riley who was the first pediatrician in  
20 Mississippi; and

21 WHEREAS, after the sale of the hospital in 1997, the brothers  
22 established the Riley Foundation, which has helped improve the  
23 quality of life for individuals and the Meridian community as a  
24 whole; and

25 WHEREAS, in January 1999, the Riley Foundation announced  
26 grant awards totaling \$329,888.00 to allow six Meridian and

27 Lauderdale County organizations to implement programs that promise  
28 long-term benefits for the area; and

29 WHEREAS, grant recipients include organizations such as the  
30 Community of Hope Tutoring Program, Aldersgate Retirement  
31 Community Youth Excitement Team, Inc., Care Lodge Domestic  
32 Violence Shelter, Multi-County Community Service Agency's Families  
33 First Resource Center and the Meridian Fire Department; and

34 WHEREAS, President of the Riley Foundation, Dr. Riley's goal  
35 for the foundation is to change the lives of the people the  
36 organization serves; and

37 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
38 and commend such outstanding Mississippians as Dr. William Riley,  
39 whose generosity has touched the many lives of the citizens in  
40 Meridian:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
42 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
43 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. William  
44 Riley for receiving the 1999 Meridian Star Citizen of the Year and  
45 express our deepest appreciation for the hard work and generosity  
46 of the Riley Foundation.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
48 furnished to Dr. William Riley and members of the Capitol Press  
49 Corps.