

By: Senator(s) Chaney

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CERTIFIED NURSE
2 PRACTITIONER WHITNEY DOIRON FOR RECEIVING THE "2004 CLINICIAN OF
3 THE YEAR AWARD" BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF HOME CARE PHYSICIANS.

4 WHEREAS, Whitney Doiron is a Certified Adult & Geriatric
5 Nurse Practitioner with offices in Vicksburg, Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Doiron has received the singular honor of being
7 the first Nurse Practitioner in the nation to receive a
8 prestigious primary award entitled the "2004 Clinician of the Year
9 Award" which is given by the American Academy of Home Care
10 Physicians, a national association for physicians and nurse
11 practitioners; and

12 WHEREAS, this group is a national association for physicians
13 and nurse practitioners who formally perform "old-fashioned house
14 calls" for those patients who are unable to travel without extreme
15 hardship. In a nutshell, house calls are performed on those
16 patients who are most needy, frail and homebound; and

17 WHEREAS, in collaboration with the physician, the specific
18 role as a house call nurse practitioner is to perform:

- 19 • Complete medical examinations for chronic and acute medical
20 problems.
- 21 • Establish medical plans of care, including treatments,
22 referrals and consults.
- 23 • Review polypharmacy issues.
- 24 • Safety monitoring (i.e., abuse screening, physical
25 environment assessments).
- 26 • Monitor and gather data for health screening and promotion.
- 27 • Incorporate patient education into the medical plan of care.

28 • Provide case management with other "team" members, including
29 home health agencies, hospice services, pharmacists, DME
30 companies and therapists; and

31 WHEREAS, with the guidance of the Academy, Whitney was able
32 to work closely with the Mississippi Board of Nursing to establish
33 a procedure and model of operation that would benefit the
34 patients, service the physicians, and meet the state and federal
35 requirements for nurse practitioners. The experience has been
36 overwhelmingly exciting for Whitney, who states how wonderful it
37 is to go into a patient's home, sit down and just listen to them
38 and their family. The patients are the true winners. The stress
39 families experience when taking care of homebound patients are
40 enormous; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
42 Mississippian who is the first Nurse Practitioner to receive this
43 award, representing our state with a commitment to work closely
44 with our congressional leadership to improve access to health care
45 for all residents:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Certified
48 Nurse Practitioner Whitney Doiron for being the first Nurse
49 Practitioner to receive the "2004 Clinician of the Year Award"
50 presented by the American Academy of Home Care Physicians, and
51 extend to her and her family the best wishes of the Mississippi
52 Senate in her future professional endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Whitney Doiron and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.