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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. MARY B. CROSSMAN FOR 60 REMARKABLE YEARS OF EXCEPTIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL AND CONGRATULATING HER AS THE LONGEST TENURED MISSISSIPPI STATE EMPLOYEE.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mary B. Crossman has dedicated 60 years of professional service to the Mississippi State Hospital; and

WHEREAS, her 60 years of committed labor with the hospital makes her the longest tenured Mississippi state employee; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 1951, she began working for the hospital, fresh out of college as a typing clerk, and remained in that position six months before being named Director of Medical Records, that later was changed to Health Information, so she not only has worked with the same agency but in the same office for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, she has attended East Central Junior College, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the University of Georgia, the University of North Carolina, the University of Oklahoma, and she has furthered her studies in biostatistics and epidemiology at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a consultant for various health care facilities and as a clinical instructor for the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Health Related Professionals, and for the Hinds Community College School of Medical Record Technology; and

WHEREAS, her devotion to her job has surpassed the typical nine-to-five format, serving in 1987 as a board member and past

President of the Friends of Mississippi State Hospital, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the work of Mississippi State Hospital and awareness of mental health issues, and has since served and chaired numerous committees within the organization as well; and

WHEREAS, having been honored with awards by various organizations, Mrs. Crossman was awarded the 1999 Motivator Award by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) for over 40 years of service to the organization, the 1981 Distinguished Member Award presented by the Mississippi Health Information Management Association (MSHIMA), the 1996 Lifetime Achievement Award presented by MSHIMA and the 1993 Mental Health Section AHIMA Pioneer Award; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to join the Mississippi Department of Mental Health in honoring this public administrator and offering her profound thanks for her wonderful service to the citizens of this state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mrs. Mary B. Crossman, Director of Health Information at the Mississippi State Hospital, for her inspirational 60 years of dedicated service to the department and honor her as the longest tenured Mississippi state employee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Mrs. Mary B. Crossman, the Mississippi Board of Mental Health and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 1, 2011

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
March 2, 2011

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE