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***SENATE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
No. 559***

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Jim Welch

Secretary

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT GULFPORT ON ITS NATIONAL RANKING AS BEST HOSPITAL IN MISSISSIPPI BY *U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT*.

WHEREAS, Memorial Hospital is one of the most comprehensive health care systems in the state, including a 303-bed acute care hospital and a 33-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit and an outpatient surgery center; a 109-bed behavioral health facility; a medical office building, satellite outpatient diagnostic centers; and more than 48 Memorial Physicians Clinics; and

WHEREAS, *U.S. News & World Report* analyzed data for nearly 5,000 health care facilities nationwide and released its 24th annual Best Hospitals rankings, recognizing hospitals that excel in treating patients who need an especially high level of care, ranking Memorial Hospital as #1 of the 116 hospitals that serve the residents of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, *U.S. News & World Report* listed Memorial Hospital among the top hospitals in the nation for Diabetes and Endocrinology care. Memorial Hospital was the only hospital in

Mississippi to receive national recognition in any of the 16 medical specialties studied by *U.S. News & World Report*; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Hospital was one of only 147 hospitals in the United States to receive a national ranking for any of the medical specialties that were measured. Memorial Hospital was rated as high-performing in Gastroenterology and GI Surgery, Geriatrics, Nephrology, Neurology and Neurosurgery, Pulmonology and Urology; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Hospital scored high in patient safety, "demonstrating commitment to reducing accidents and medical mistakes," and scored higher than national and state averages in patient satisfaction categories; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Hospital's nursing staff received the highest ranking score in all high-performing specialty categories evaluated by *U.S. News & World Report*; and

WHEREAS, these accomplishments come as Memorial Hospital makes major improvements to the hospital information system and infrastructure. The "Building a Better Memorial" campaign includes implementation of a fully integrated electronic health record, the replacement of the main patient tower's brick facade, and the expansion of patient rooms. These exciting projects will greatly enhance Memorial Hospital facilities and capabilities as we continue to provide excellent care for our community," said Memorial Hospital President and CEO Gary Marchand. "Together

we're Building a Better Memorial," and extend the best wishes of the Legislature on this honor:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and congratulate Memorial Hospital at Gulfport on its national ranking as best hospital in Mississippi by *U.S. News & World Report*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to CEO Gary Marchand, forwarded to the Gulfport City Council, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE

February 6, 2014



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 11, 2014



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES