

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 49

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Dr. Moses Alfred Haynes for his honorable and astute service in the field of medicine.

WHEREAS, it is wholly appropriate that the members of this General Assembly pause to recognize those intrepid individuals who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of mankind and have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Moses Alfred Haynes, M.D., M.P.H., is one such outstanding individual, and, because of his unparalleled contributions to the medical community, the Health Disparities Research Center of Excellence at Meharry Medical College has convened the “Dr. M. Alfred Haynes Research Training Institute for Social Equality” in his honor; and

WHEREAS, this groundbreaking program will be held on April 4-15, 2011, and will provide two weeks of intensive training in the fundamental policy issues and concerns in access to health care systems as well as cutting-edge health disparities issues that are of national concern; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the elimination of inequality in health care, Dr. Haynes has transformed health care systems around the world and made a lasting impact on his patients and the medical community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born in 1921 in British Guiana, South America, Alfred Haynes earned an Associate and Licentiate degree in Pedagogy from the London College of Preceptors, a Bachelor’s Degree in Pure Mathematics from Columbia University, and a medical degree from New York Downstate School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from medical school in 1954, he became the first black intern at St. John’s Episcopal Hospital and received a Master of Public Health in epidemiology from Harvard School of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haynes was the founding chair of the Department of Community Medicine and the Associate Dean for the Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School, which was developed in response to the Watts-Willowbrook Riots of 1963; and

WHEREAS, because of his visionary leadership and commitment to quality medical education, he was selected as the first President and Dean of the Charles R. Drew University for Medicine and Science; and

WHEREAS, a pioneer in his field and an innovative thinker, Dr. Haynes developed the first training program for Physician Assistants in the state of California, creating a societal paradigm shift in the health care work force and deeply enhancing the health of emerging communities; and

WHEREAS, he spearheaded the establishment of the King Drew Magnet High School for Medicine and Science in the Watts-Willowbrook community, which continues to produce biomedical scientists and health care professionals who are sincerely committed to working in medically underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haynes founded the Drew-Meharry-Morehouse Cancer Consortium Center; this noble institution addresses health disparities in cancer patients and has generated numerous groundbreaking studies regarding several forms of cancer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alfred Haynes also created and led the National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer, which developed a network of community organizations and agencies dedicated to the elimination of cancer through health education and clinical trials; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate humanitarian and brilliant physician, Dr. Haynes's consummate leadership abilities have resulted in invaluable cancer research among African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, a valued member of several national and international committees and commissions, Alfred Haynes has donated his time and tremendous talents to a plethora of pivotal studies that have significantly advanced cancer research, health policies, and health services, both on a national and international scale; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dr. Haynes was previously recognized by the Health Disparities Research Center of Excellence at Meharry Medical College when they established the “M. Alfred Haynes, M.D., M.P.H., Student Lecture Series” in his honor at the Sixth Tennessee Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition in Pigeon Forge; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to this accomplished physician and exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Moses Alfred Haynes for his impeccable character and stalwart commitment to ending health disparities, thank him for his countless contributions to improving the health and welfare of people around the world, and offer him our best wishes for his every success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.