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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. CAROLYN W.  
2 MEYERS ON HER 5TH ANNIVERSARY AS THE 10TH PRESIDENT OF JACKSON  
3 STATE UNIVERSITY.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Carolyn W. Meyers, a native of Newport News,  
5 Virginia, mother of three adult children and grandmother of four,  
6 through years of hard work in the academic and administrative  
7 realms, became President of Jackson State University (JSU) in  
8 2011; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Meyers has a tremendous vision of growth for JSU  
10 and has already expanded its impact with three new campus  
11 locations, increased course offerings for evening, weekend and  
12 online studies, and initiated the implementation of the nation's  
13 largest freshmen iPad initiative, which provided all first-year  
14 students with iPads to aid their coursework; and

15 WHEREAS, as JSU expanded, Dr. Meyers had the foresight to  
16 rebrand the university, opening a Veteran's Center, Office of  
17 Community Affairs and Welcome Center, receiving national acclaim

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18 for her campaign, which she hopes will continue until JSU lives up  
19 to the ideal of the "Urban University of Mississippi "; and

20 WHEREAS, while a vision of growth has been at the forefront  
21 of Dr. Meyers' strategy, the basic necessities of education has  
22 not been lost as Jackson State has earned a 10-year reaffirmation  
23 of accreditation in business, teacher education and engineering,  
24 welcomed record-breaking enrollment in the fall of 2015 and  
25 positioned the university to become a national model for educating  
26 the underserved and achieving global recognition for excellence in  
27 education, research and service; and

28 WHEREAS, a leader beyond measure, Dr. Meyers has brought an  
29 era of massive achievement to Jackson State receiving accolades  
30 from Apple, which named the university a "Distinguished School for  
31 2013-2015 for innovation, leadership and educational excellence"  
32 and again for 2015-2017; and

33 WHEREAS, always a woman not afraid to go to unexpected  
34 places, Dr. Meyers earned a bachelor' s degree in mechanical  
35 engineering from Howard University, one of few women in science  
36 and engineering, a master's degree in mechanical engineering and a  
37 doctorate in chemical engineering from the Georgia Institute of  
38 Technology, and she completed post-doctoral work at Harvard  
39 University; and

40 WHEREAS, Dr. Meyers did not merely get an education and keep  
41 her talents to herself, she has served within the engineering  
42 community as a fellow in the American Society of Mechanical



43 Engineers, and a board member of the American Council on Education  
44 and National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher  
45 Education; and

46 WHEREAS, a woman built for this role, Dr. Meyers brought to  
47 Jackson State more than 30 years of leadership experience in  
48 higher education, serving as President of Norfolk State  
49 University, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for  
50 North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, where  
51 she was a tenured professor of mechanical engineering and Dean of  
52 the College of Engineering; and

53 WHEREAS, not only did Dr. Meyers tear down barriers  
54 encountered by women as a student, she helped "break the glass  
55 ceiling" of women who chose a career in academia, as a tenured  
56 faculty member at the Georgia Institute of Technology, and she was  
57 the first Associate Dean for Research in its College of  
58 Engineering; and

59 WHEREAS, these many academic accomplishments of Dr. Meyers  
60 gave her the opportunity to publish and receive numerous honors  
61 and awards, which include giving more than 200 invited  
62 presentations and technical papers on education and diversity  
63 topics as well as research and technical topics, and she received  
64 the National Society of Black Engineers' Golden Torch Award and  
65 the National Science Foundation's Presidential Young Investigator  
66 Award; and

91 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
92 honor and recognize the accomplishments of such an outstanding  
93 leader as Dr. Meyers, who is dedicated to serving the educational  
94 needs of our great state:

95 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
96 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
97 commend and congratulate Dr. Carolyn W. Meyers on her 5th  
98 anniversary as president of Jackson State University and extend  
99 heartiest wishes for success in all of her future endeavors.

100 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
101 furnished to Dr. Carolyn W. Meyers, Jackson State University and  
102 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

