

RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALL CIVIL-RIGHTS WORKERS IN THE STATE  
OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE YEAR 1964-1965

*To be read before House of Delegates N.M.A. from Miss. Med. Assn.*

WHEREAS, numerous individuals of all races, creeds, colors and sexes came to the state of Mississippi in the years 1964-'65 to aid and assist the citizens of the state of Mississippi to obtain democracy, freedom, and a better way of life.

WHEREAS, these individuals were of numerous professions and trades and occupations, among them the ministry, the law, medicine, nursing, sociology, students and teachers, etc.

WHEREAS, these civil-rights workers represented numerous organizations and groups.

WHEREAS, they organized "freedom schools," voter registration classes, "libraries," emergency medical service and various types of handicraft classes, art classes and numerous other cultural groups and activities.

WHEREAS, they worked bravely and fearlessly in a hostile state in terror-ridden communities, in areas characterized by lynchings and mob rule, in places where churches were burned, bombed and blasted, and in homes and dwellings rated substandard and not meeting the minimum health requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this body, the House of Delegates of the NMA, go on record as commending:

- 1) All individuals - men, women and children - who participated in the 1964-'65 civil-rights campaign in Mississippi.
- 2) All organizations and societies - political, religious, and professional - who aided and assisted humanity and mankind by working in Mississippi during this campaign.

- 3) THAT, special commendation be given NMA members; viz., Dr. Robert Smith, Dr. A.B. Britton, Dr. James Anderson, Dr. A. N. Jackson, Dr. Gilbert Mason, and Dr. Aaron Shirley and others who fearlessly and tirelessly labored diligently and faithfully to render medical and surgical aid and assistance to all civil-rights workers who needed such services.
- 4) THAT, particular commendation be extended to the members of this association from other states and all other doctors, Negro and white, who interrupted their activities and traveled great distances to aid in health problems and witnessed by their presence in the freedom struggle.
- 5) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this association seek ways and means and methods of establishing continuing co-operative professional relationships between it and all professional men and women who were active in the 1964 crisis and are organized for health and welfare improvement in the civil-rights struggle.
- 6) FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, copies of this resolution be recorded in the proceedings of the House of Delegates of the NMA and copies be sent to the organizations which were involved in these projects.