

Senate Resolution 818

By: Senator Thomas of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., and extending best wishes upon his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1975, Dr. Louis W. Sullivan became the founding dean and director of the
4 Medical Education Program at Morehouse College, the first minority medical school founded
5 in the United States in this century; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1978, the Morehouse School of Medicine began operation as a two-year
7 program in the basic medical sciences, admitting its first class of 24 students; and

8 WHEREAS, on July 1, 1981, the Morehouse School of Medicine became independent from
9 Morehouse College with Dr. Sullivan as its dean and first president; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was appointed by President George Bush to serve as Secretary of
11 the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, a position which he held for 47 months,
12 one of the longest tenures of any Health and Human Services secretary in U. S. history; and

13 WHEREAS, following his tenure as a member of President Bush's cabinet, Dr. Sullivan
14 returned to the Morehouse School of Medicine on January 21, 1993; and

15 WHEREAS, May 31, 2002, will mark Dr. Sullivan's official retirement as president of the
16 Morehouse School of Medicine; and

17 WHEREAS, he has been a leader of inimitable ability and unsurpassed dedication whose
18 commitment has inured to the continual growth of the Morehouse School of Medicine in size
19 and reputation for excellence; and

1 WHEREAS, himself a 1954 graduate of Morehouse College, Dr. Sullivan has served his
2 alma mater, the medical school, his community, state, and country in many capacities and
3 always with the utmost distinction and noblest of intentions.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
5 commend Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., for his extraordinary achievement and
6 enduring contributions and extend to him their best wishes for continued good fortune during
7 his years of retirement.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Louis W. Sullivan.