

## Senate Resolution 53

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Mullis of the 53rd, James of the 35th, Rahman of the 5th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Barry Rassin for his outstanding public service; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Barry Rassin has long been recognized by the citizens of The Bahamas for the  
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the health and  
5 welfare of all Bahamian citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and nation as evidenced  
8 dramatically by his superlative service as president of the Doctors Hospital Health System  
9 and as president of the Rotary Club of East Nassau and, later, of Rotary International; and

10 WHEREAS, Barry began his career in hospital administration in Florida, but returned to his  
11 home in The Bahamas in 1979 to further develop the Rassin Hospital, a hospital founded by  
12 his parents, a surgeon and a nurse; and

13 WHEREAS, by 1986, with Barry at the helm as administrator, Doctors Hospital was  
14 launched, filling a void in health care in The Bahamas; he recently retired after 37 years as  
15 president of the Doctors Hospital Health System, but continues to serve as an advisor; and

16 WHEREAS, since 1980, Barry has worked tirelessly with the Rotary Club at the local and  
17 district levels and with Rotary International, where he served as a member of the board of  
18 directors, an aide to the organization's president, and as vice chairman of the Rotary  
19 Foundation Board of Trustees before filling the role of president; and

20 WHEREAS, as president of Rotary International, Barry has traveled the globe promoting  
21 Rotary and its most important goals of eradicating polio from the planet and inspiring its  
22 members to do good in the world; and

23 WHEREAS, Barry has received the Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award,  
24 as well as many other humanitarian awards for his work in leading Rotary's relief efforts in  
25 Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there; and

26 WHEREAS, Barry is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
27 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
29 remarkable and distinguished citizen be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 recognize and commend Barry Rassin for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated  
32 public service and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Barry Rassin.