

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Hall, Kirby, Johnson To: Rules
(19th), Harden, White (29th), Woodfield

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 600

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE APRIL AS ALCOHOL
2 AWARENESS MONTH IN MISSISSIPPI AND INVITE ALL MISSISSIPPIANS TO
3 PARTICIPATE IN AN ALCOHOL-FREE WEEKEND APRIL 2-4, 1999.

4 WHEREAS, the month of April is hereby designated as Alcohol
5 Awareness Month in Mississippi, and all Mississippians are invited
6 to participate in an Alcohol-Free Weekend April 2-4, 1999; and

7 WHEREAS, alcoholism is a chronic, progressive and potentially
8 fatal disease characterized by tolerance and physical dependency
9 or pathological organ changes, or both, which are the direct or
10 indirect consequences of the alcohol ingested; and

11 WHEREAS, underage drinking is the number one drug problem
12 among the nation's youth; and

13 WHEREAS, binge drinking in high school is strongly predictive
14 of binge drinking in college; and

15 WHEREAS, binge drinking among high school seniors has
16 steadily increased over the past five years; and

17 WHEREAS, binge drinking is defined as consuming five or more
18 drinks in a row at one sitting for boys, and four or more in a row
19 for girls; and

20 WHEREAS, binge drinking, which can lead to fatal injury and
21 alcohol poisoning, is widely recognized as the most serious
22 problem facing college campuses today; and

23 WHEREAS, 43% of college students say they are binge drinkers
24 and 21% say they binge frequently; and

25 WHEREAS, 80% of students who live on college campuses but who
26 do not binge drink report that they have experienced at least one

27 second-hand effect of binge drinking, such as being the victim of
28 an assault or an unwanted sexual advance, having property
29 vandalized, or having sleep or study interrupted:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
31 SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we
32 do hereby designate April as Alcohol Awareness Month in
33 Mississippi and invite all Mississippians to participate in an
34 Alcohol-Free Weekend April 2-4, 1999.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the National Council on
36 Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Central Mississippi,
37 Incorporated is hereby commended for outstanding contributions in
38 promoting public awareness of alcoholism and related problems.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
40 furnished the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
41 of Central Mississippi, Incorporated, and the Capitol Press Corps.