

By: Senator(s) Bean

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 638

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND RECOGNIZING THE
2 DIABETES FOUNDATION OF MISSISSIPPI FOR ITS SERVICE EFFORTS TO
3 DIABETIC PERSONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

4 WHEREAS, more than 240,000 Mississippians have diabetes, an
5 incurable disease that impairs the body's ability to convert
6 dietary sugar into energy; and

7 WHEREAS, 80,000 Mississippians don't know they have diabetes
8 and another 800,000 are at high risk for developing the disease
9 due to lifestyle, obesity and family history; and

10 WHEREAS, diabetes cost the state \$1.5 Billion in direct and
11 indirect cost; and

12 WHEREAS, although diabetes is an incurable disease, the
13 symptoms of the disease can be controlled by various means, such
14 as diet, exercise and medications, especially if discovered in
15 early stages; and

16 WHEREAS, in an effort to identify the undiagnosed before
17 developing one or more of the serious complications caused by
18 diabetes including blindness, heart and kidney disease, strokes
19 and amputations, the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi will
20 increase community awareness through free screenings, health fairs
21 and public awareness screenings at corporate locations and a
22 screening at the Mississippi State Capitol on March 25, 1999:

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
24 SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we
25 do hereby commend and thank the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi
26 for its efforts in fighting diabetes by increasing public

27 awareness through screenings and health fairs and for its other
28 service efforts to diabetic persons throughout the State of
29 Mississippi.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
31 the President of the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi and to the
32 Capitol Press Corps.