A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS
AFRICAN-AMERICAN ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH FOR THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, asthma is the number one health cause for school
absences among African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, 12 to 15% of African-American children will have
asthma during childhood; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, the death rate of African-Americans
attributed to asthma is 40 times higher than whites; and

WHEREAS, African-American children visiting the emergency
room for asthma related illnesses on high pollution days increases
by 20% in most urban areas:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize the month of February as
African-American Asthma Awareness Month for the State of
Mississippi.