

By: Representative Fleming

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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

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

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

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

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

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

