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.