

By: Senator(s) Jordan, Jackson,  
Dawkins

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MR. FRANK JACKSON,  
2 PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER TO REDUCE CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES  
3 WITH THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO CANCER  
4 CONTROL IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, cancer incidence rates are 10% higher and cancer  
6 mortality rates are two times higher among African-Americans than  
7 for Caucasians; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Jackson, Program Director of the  
9 Disparities Research Branch of the Center to Reduce Cancer Health  
10 Disparities with the National Cancer Institute (NCI), is  
11 responsible for securing funding for the Deep South Network for  
12 Cancer Control; and

13 WHEREAS, this NCI sponsored network is a collaborative  
14 project of the University of Southern Mississippi, Jackson State  
15 University, Tuskegee University, the University of Alabama and the  
16 University of Alabama in Birmingham to improve cancer awareness in  
17 the African-American population in both poor, rural areas and  
18 urban areas of Mississippi and Alabama, including 20 counties in  
19 the Mississippi Delta and two counties in South Mississippi; and

20 WHEREAS, the 5-year project's focus is initially on breast  
21 and cervical cancers and on racial disparities in cancer  
22 incidence, and will be expended over time to focus also on  
23 prostate, colo-rectal cancer, tobacco as a cancer risk factor and  
24 cancer prevention and control trials; and

25 WHEREAS, October 2002 has been designated as National Breast  
26 Cancer Awareness Month in Mississippi to emphasize that early  
27 detection and prompt treatment can significantly reduce suffering  
28 and deaths caused by this disease; and



29           WHEREAS, Frank Jackson is a national resource for cancer  
30 awareness and cancer research and the State of Mississippi is  
31 indeed fortunate to have his assistance and support in securing  
32 this grant for lifesaving cancer research for Mississippians:

33           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
34 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize and commend Mr. Frank  
35 Jackson, Program Director of the Disparities Research Branch of  
36 the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities with the National  
37 Cancer Institute (NCI) of Bethesda, Maryland, for his many  
38 contributions to cancer control in Mississippi, and extend to him  
39 the best wishes of the State Senate.

40           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
41 Mr. Jackson at ceremonies on October 31, 2002, be forwarded to  
42 Freddie White-Johnson, Project Manager, Deep South Network for  
43 Cancer Control and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

