

By: Senator(s) Frazier, Dearing, To: Rules
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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE COMMUNITY
2 ORGANIZATION FOR HEALTH AWARENESS, INCORPORATED (COHA, INC.) FOR
3 THEIR CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITIZENS IN THE CITY OF
4 JACKSON AND THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, the Community Organization for Health Awareness,
6 Incorporated (COHA, Inc.) was established in 1994 to assist
7 Mississippi communities with addressing the astounding statistic
8 related to heart attack, stroke, cancer, teen pregnancy, teen
9 alcohol and drug abuse, as well as other health related matters;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, COHA, Inc., is governed by its Board of Directors
12 and general body; and

13 WHEREAS, medical practitioners, social services and other
14 personnel, along with community residents volunteer their talent
15 and resources in a collaborative effort to engage, educate and
16 inform under served communities with regard to the prevention of
17 diseases that plague this population; and

18 WHEREAS, COHA, Inc., engages in community-wide health
19 education through newsletters and the media. It also collaborates
20 with local agencies to improve its effectiveness in serving the
21 community. Current programs are Heart Attack/Stroke prevention,
22 Cancer prevention, Youth Crime prevention and Teen Pregnancy
23 prevention. In 1999, COHA, Inc., expanded its services by
24 beginning the Mississippi Health Awareness Day, the purpose was to
25 begin community-wide health education. Activities include: Teen
26 Summit, Health Fairs, Health Education Forum, and an Award
27 Banquet; and



28 WHEREAS, in the year 2000, Mississippi's Governor proclaimed
29 Mississippi Health Awareness Day a statewide activity. Since the
30 COHA, Inc., has received several commendations, including
31 resolutions from Jackson City Council and Hinds County Board of
32 Supervisors; and

33 WHEREAS, since its inception, COHA, Inc., has had a
34 tremendous impact on the lives of many residents through annual
35 health fairs and numerous other community-based initiatives, all
36 at no cost to recipients; and

37 WHEREAS, a continued improvement in the overall quality of
38 life for many citizens has been realized through COHA,
39 Incorporated's contributions to humankind:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby honor and commend the Community
42 Organization for Health Awareness Incorporated (COHA, Inc.) for
43 their continued contributions to the citizens in the City of
44 Jackson and the State of Mississippi.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
46 the Board of Directors of COHA, Inc., and be made available to the
47 Capitol Press Corps.

