

By: Representative Mims

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17
(As Adopted by the House)

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF LYMPHEDEMA D-DAY
2 ON MARCH 6, 2004, IN MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, lymphedema is an accumulation of lymphatic fluid
4 that causes swelling in the arms, legs, or other areas of the body
5 and affects both men and women; and

6 WHEREAS, the swelling caused by lymphedema can lead to severe
7 infection or loss of the use of limbs, and patients suffering from
8 lymphedema must endure physical discomfort and disfigurement and
9 cope with the distress caused by these symptoms; and

10 WHEREAS, the single largest group of people who get
11 lymphedema are cancer patients, including breast, prostate,
12 gynecological, head, neck, lung, sarcoma and melanoma patients;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, recent studies have indicated that twenty percent of
15 breast cancer patients will get lymphedema after surgery and
16 radiation; and

17 WHEREAS, according to the National Cancer Institute, there
18 are a reported 8.5 million Americans living after a diagnosis of
19 cancer, of which about two million are breast cancer survivors;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, no drug or effective surgical treatment for
22 lymphedema currently exists; and

23 WHEREAS, research in all areas of lymphedema has been notably
24 limited; and

25 WHEREAS, lymphedema, which has no cure and can occur anytime,
26 has severe financial, physical and psychological impacts on
27 patients; and

28 WHEREAS, each year on March 6th, the National Lymphedema
29 Network sponsors Lymphedema D-Day to honor patients and to raise
30 awareness of the treatment and severity of this condition:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commemorate
33 March 6, 2004, as Lymphedema D-Day in Mississippi.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
35 furnished to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.