

By: Representative Whittington

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE MISSISSIPPI CHRONIC
2 ILLNESS COALITION IN URGING THE CITIZENS OF MISSISSIPPI TO PURSUE
3 A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.

4 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition has
5 provided leadership in raising the awareness of Mississippi
6 citizens to the extent of obesity, diabetes, hypertension and
7 other chronic illnesses that affect the health and well-being of
8 many citizens in the State of Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, chronic illness accounts for approximately 75% of
10 all the deaths in the State of Mississippi, resulting in more than
11 2,000 stroke induced deaths and more than 1,600 diabetic deaths
12 annually; and

13 WHEREAS, arthritis is one of the most debilitating chronic
14 illnesses suffered by many Mississippians and the leading cause of
15 disability; and

16 WHEREAS, approximately 900,000 citizens of Mississippi are
17 afflicted with hypertension, one-third of which are undiagnosed,
18 and 30% of Mississippi's adult population are reported to have
19 high blood cholesterol; and

20 WHEREAS, four of five (or 81%) Mississippi adults are not
21 physically active on a regular basis, and one in five high school
22 students in the state get no type of frequent exercise, causing
23 Mississippi to rank number one in the nation for the number of
24 overweight adults; and

25 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
26 recognize the work of the Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition in
27 raising the public awareness of Mississippi citizens to the extent

28 of obesity, diabetes, hypertension and other chronic illnesses
29 that affect the health and well-being of many citizens in the
30 State of Mississippi:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
33 recognize and commend the Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition
34 for urging all Mississippians to be physically active, avoid
35 tobacco use, and know your blood pressure, blood glucose and body
36 mass index for the promotion of a healthier lifestyle and extend
37 our heartiest wishes for success in all its future endeavors.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 furnished to the Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition on behalf
40 of its members and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.