

By: Representatives Aldridge, Bounds, Janus, Staples, Ward To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF
2 FEBRUARY 7-14, 2006, AS CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS AWARENESS WEEK
3 IN MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, congenital heart defects are the most frequently
5 occurring birth defects and the leading cause of birth defect
6 related deaths worldwide; and

7 WHEREAS, over a million families across America are facing
8 the challenges and hardships of raising children with congenital
9 heart defects; and

10 WHEREAS, approximately one in 125 children are born in the
11 United States with congenital heart defects; and

12 WHEREAS, every year 40,000 babies are born in this country
13 with congenital heart defects; and

14 WHEREAS, some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed
15 until months or years after birth; and

16 WHEREAS, undiagnosed congenital heart conditions cause many
17 cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes; and

18 WHEREAS, despite these statistics, newborns and young
19 athletes are not routinely screened for congenital heart defects;
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21 WHEREAS, a disproportionately small amount of funding is
22 available for congenital heart defect research and support; and

23 WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an
24 opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to
25 celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated
26 health professionals, and to meet others and to know they are not
27 alone; and

28 WHEREAS, the establishment of Congenital Heart Defect
29 Awareness Week will provide the opportunity to share experiences
30 and information with the public and the media, in order to raise
31 public awareness regarding congenital heart defects:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
34 THEREIN, That we recognize February 7-14, 2006, as Congenital
35 Heart Defect Awareness Week in Mississippi.

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