

By: Representative Holland

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE VITAL ROLE OF THE AMERICAN
2 STROKE ASSOCIATION AND URGING THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO ENACT
3 LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF STROKE CARE IN THE STATE.

4 WHEREAS, according to the American Stroke Association, a
5 division of the American Heart Association, strokes are the third
6 leading cause of death in the United States striking about 700,000
7 Americans each year; and

8 WHEREAS, stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term
9 disability in the United States with 4.8 million stroke survivors
10 today; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2004, the estimated direct and indirect cost of
12 stroke is about \$53.6 billion; and

13 WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National
14 Academy of Science has concluded that the fragmentation of the
15 delivery of health care services frequently results in suboptimal
16 treatment, safety concerns and inefficient use of health care
17 resources; and

18 WHEREAS, the IOM recommended the establishment of coordinated
19 systems of care that integrate preventative and treatment services
20 and promote patient access to evidence-based care resources; and

21 WHEREAS, according to the American Stroke Association
22 research, a systems approach is necessary to effectuate true
23 change in the way stroke is treated statewide so that patients
24 have access to the most advanced treatment in centers that are
25 best designed and equipped to deal with the critical and time
26 sensitive needs of stroke patients; and

27 WHEREAS, the main purpose of stroke systems legislation is to
28 establish a systems approach to dealing with stroke patients
29 including assessing center designations, EMS protocols and field
30 triage, inter-facility stroke transfer and stroke data collection:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That the Legislature
33 of the State of Mississippi is called upon to work toward the
34 passage of legislation that will establish a system of stroke care
35 for all residents stricken by stroke.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
37 furnished to the local American Heart Association affiliate, the
38 Chairmen of the House and Senate Public Health and Welfare
39 Committees and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.