

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER IN HIS  
2 EFFORTS TO ERADICATE THE GUINEA WORM DISEASE FROM AFRICA.

3 WHEREAS, for generations in Africa, yard long, spaghetti-thin  
4 Guinea worms erupted from the legs, feet or eye sockets of  
5 victims; and

6 WHEREAS, the infestation of the Guinea worm is a plague so  
7 ancient that it is found in Egyptian mummies; and

8 WHEREAS, because the plague is so ancient, many historians  
9 believe that the Guinea worm is the "fiery serpent" described in  
10 the Old Testament as torturing the Israelites in the desert; and

11 WHEREAS, the worm forces its way out of the human body by  
12 exuding acid under the skin until it bubbles and bursts causing  
13 its victims to liken their pain to "fire"; and

14 WHEREAS, thanks to a relentless 20-year campaign led by  
15 former President Jimmy Carter, the Guinea worm is soon to be  
16 eradicated from the continent; and

17 WHEREAS, former President Carter persuaded world leaders,  
18 philanthropists and companies to care about the obscure and  
19 revolting Guinea worm disease; and

20 WHEREAS, not only did he convince others to care about the  
21 disease, but he enlisted the assistance of world leaders and  
22 thousands of volunteers; and

23 WHEREAS, his dedication enabled his foundation to mobilize  
24 volunteers in tens of thousands of villages to treat the drinking  
25 water in which the worms live; and

26           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
27 commend outstanding leaders such as former President Carter who  
28 are striving to heal impoverished areas of the world:

29           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
30 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
31 commend former President Jimmy Carter in his efforts to eradicate  
32 the Guinea worm disease from Africa.

33           BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
34 furnished to former President Jimmy Carter and to the members of  
35 the Capitol Press Corps.