

By: Representative Fleming

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 120

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2, 2006, AS WORLD ASTHMA DAY.

2 WHEREAS, asthma has reached epidemic proportions in the
3 United States, affecting about 20 million people; and

4 WHEREAS, asthma is the leading cause of childhood
5 hospitalizations, long-term illness, and school absenteeism,
6 accounting for more than 14 million missed school days each year;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, each year two million people are rushed to the
9 emergency room and over 4,000 people die from asthma; and

10 WHEREAS, asthma is a long-term, inflammatory disease in which
11 the airways of the lungs constrict, causing wheezing,
12 breathlessness, chest tightness and coughing; and

13 WHEREAS, exposure to allergens and irritants such as dust
14 mites, mold, cockroaches, pet dander and secondhand smoke can
15 bring on an asthma episode; and

16 WHEREAS, secondhand smoke worsens children's asthma in up to
17 one million children; and

18 WHEREAS, there are simple steps people can take to reduce
19 their exposure to environmental asthma; and

20 WHEREAS, the American Lung Association, the Mississippi
21 Department of Health and the United States Environmental
22 Protection Agency are encouraging Americans to identify and reduce
23 their exposures to environmental triggers in homes and schools,
24 and incorporate environmental controls into their asthma
25 management plans; and

26 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
27 promote the good health of citizens worldwide:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
29 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
30 recognize May 2, 2006, as World Asthma Day.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
32 furnished to advocates of World Asthma Day and to the members of
33 the Capitol Press Corps.