

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.