

By: Senator(s) White, Butler, Frazier,  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 520

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE THIRD THURSDAY IN  
2 SEPTEMBER OF 2006 AS "MISSISSIPPI HEALTH AWARENESS DAY" TO PROMOTE  
3 HEALTH AND DISEASE PREVENTION EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF  
4 MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, the Community Organization for Health Awareness,  
6 Incorporated (COHA, Inc.) was established in 1994 to assist  
7 Mississippi communities with addressing the astounding statistics  
8 related to heart attack, stroke, cancer, teen pregnancy, teen  
9 alcohol and drug abuse, as well as other health-related matters;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, medical practitioners, social service and other  
12 personnel along with community residents volunteer their talent  
13 and resources in a collaborative effort to engage, educate and  
14 inform underserved communities with regard to the prevention of  
15 diseases that plague this population; and

16 WHEREAS, since its inception, COHA, Inc., has had a  
17 tremendous impact on the lives of many residents through annual  
18 health fairs and numerous other community based initiatives, all  
19 at no cost to recipients; and

20 WHEREAS, a continued improvement in the overall quality of  
21 life for many Mississippi citizens has been realized through the  
22 contributions of COHA, Inc., to humankind; and

23 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to designate one (1) day of  
24 each year to focus on improving the health of all Mississippians  
25 through disease prevention efforts:

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
27 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
28 the third Thursday in September of 2006 is designated as

29 Mississippi Health Awareness Day to promote health and disease  
30 prevention efforts throughout the State of Mississippi.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution be forwarded to  
32 the Community Organization for Health Awareness, the University  
33 Medical Center and the Secretary of State and be made available to  
34 the Capitol Press Corps.