

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 558

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TO  
2 ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF STROKE CARE FOR ALL STATE RESIDENTS STRICKEN  
3 BY STROKE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, the main purpose of stroke systems legislation is to  
27 establish a systems approach to dealing with stroke patients,

28 including assessing center designations, EMS protocols and field  
29 triage, inter-facility stroke transfer, and stroke data  
30 collection:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
32 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
33 we do hereby urge the State Board of Health to establish a system  
34 of stroke care for all state residents stricken by stroke and to  
35 recommend to the Legislature any necessary legislation to  
36 implement the system of stroke care.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to  
38 the Executive Director of the State Board of Health and the  
39 President of the State Board of Health and be made available to  
40 the Capitol Press Corps.