

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 645

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

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

5 WHEREAS, asthma is the leading cause of childhood
6 hospitalizations, long-term illness, and school absenteeism,
7 accounting for more than 14 million missed school days each year;
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9 WHEREAS, each year two million people are rushed to the
10 emergency room and over 4,000 people die from asthma; and

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

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to promote the
28 good health of citizens worldwide:

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

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