

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FIRST WEEK OF
2 NOVEMBER 2007 AS GRIEF AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, there are approximately 2,000,000 deaths in the
4 United States each year that directly affect 10-12 family members,
5 which excludes good friends and close colleagues, thus having an
6 impact on approximately 20,000,000 people; and

7 WHEREAS, natural disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes in
8 addition to traumatic deaths due to war, suicides, motor vehicle
9 fatalities and gang shootings touch countless lives and continue
10 to have an impact long after the initial event; and

11 WHEREAS, grieving is a natural and normal response to death
12 and other losses and is a healthy way for people to process their
13 grief; and

14 WHEREAS, cultural traditions and religious institutions have
15 historically recognized the need for community mourning rituals
16 and individual grief expressions; and

17 WHEREAS, all persons are urged to be sensitive and supportive
18 of their families, neighbors, friends and colleagues who are
19 adjusting to a significant loss in their lives; and

20 WHEREAS, a week set aside for grief awareness will enhance
21 solidarity with our human mortality and our common need for
22 mourning and healing and will promote spiritual, mental, physical
23 and emotional health; and

24 WHEREAS, we urge all communities during this week to remember
25 and support those who have experienced a significant loss in their
26 lives, and to participate in community activities and educational
27 events to increase their knowledge of the grief process so that

28 neighborhoods, faith communities and workplaces can create a more
29 supportive environment for those in grief; and

30 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to observe a
31 worthy cause such as Grief Awareness Week because learning and
32 observing the grieving process contributes to a more supportive
33 and healing environment for those who are in mourning:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
36 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize the first week of November
37 2007 as Grief Awareness Week throughout the state and encourage
38 all Mississippians to recognize the healing power of grieving
39 following a tragic loss or the death of a loved one.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
41 furnished to members of the Capitol Press Corps.