

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 562

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 28 THROUGH MAY 6,  
2 2007, AS "NATIONAL SAFE KIDS WEEK" IN MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, unintentional injury is the number one killer of  
4 children ages 14 and under; and

5 WHEREAS, each year, more than 5,000 children ages 14 and  
6 under die from unintentional injuries; and

7 WHEREAS, emergency rooms experience nearly 2.4 million visits  
8 from children ages 14 and under each summer; and

9 WHEREAS, 90% of these are preventable; and

10 WHEREAS, 41% of these deaths occur during "Trauma Season,"  
11 the months of May, June, July, and August; and

12 WHEREAS, the risk areas which show the greatest seasonal  
13 surge in deaths and injuries between May and August, compared to  
14 the rest of the year, are biking, drowning, pedestrian, motor  
15 vehicle occupants and falls; and

16 WHEREAS, Safe Kids Worldwide and Safe Kids Mississippi  
17 promotes childhood injury prevention by uniting diverse groups  
18 into local and state coalitions, developing innovative educational  
19 tools and strategies, initiating public policy changes, promoting  
20 new technology and raising awareness through the media; and

21 WHEREAS, Safe Kids Worldwide, with the support of founding  
22 sponsor Johnson & Johnson, launches National Safe Kids Week 2007,  
23 "Make it a Safe Summer," which focuses on five of the deadliest  
24 warm weather risk areas of motor vehicles, drownings, pedestrian,  
25 biking and falls; and

26 WHEREAS, Safe Kids Mississippi has planned special childhood  
27 injury prevention activities and community-based events for Safe

28 Kids Week 2007 in an effort to educate families about summer  
29 safety:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
31 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
32 we do hereby designate April 28 through May 6, 2007, as "National  
33 Safe Kids Week" in Mississippi, and call upon all the residents of  
34 this state to join in supporting the efforts and activities of  
35 Safe Kids Mississippi to prevent childhood injury.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to  
37 the appropriate child safety advocacy groups in Mississippi and  
38 the State Board of Education and be made available to the Capitol  
39 Press Corps.