

By: Senator(s) Burton, Frazier, Jackson  
(11th), Jackson (32nd), Witherspoon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 618

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2018 AS "PAIN  
2 AWARENESS MONTH IN MISSISSIPPI" TO BRING AWARENESS FOR PEOPLE IN  
3 PAIN.

4 WHEREAS, over 100 million adults suffer from chronic pain,  
5 including millions with debilitating conditions like chronic lower  
6 back pain, fibromyalgia and arthritis; and

7 WHEREAS, chronic pain costs America up to \$635 Billion a year  
8 in added health costs and lost productivity, including billions of  
9 dollars in state Medicaid costs; and

10 WHEREAS, chronic pain is a major public health problem and  
11 hidden driver of rising health care costs; and

12 WHEREAS, significant barriers to adequate pain care exist and  
13 millions of Americans get inadequate pain care; and

14 WHEREAS, these findings were made by the prestigious  
15 Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academy of Sciences in  
16 its landmark report issued in 2011, *Relieving Pain in America: A*  
17 *Blueprint for Transforming Prevention, Care, Education, and*  
18 *Research*; and



19 WHEREAS, the IOM report includes a number of recommendations  
20 to improve pain care, education and research; and

21 WHEREAS, the IOM report found that significant savings could  
22 be achieved through better treatment of acute pain, reduction in  
23 workers' compensation costs and lost tax revenues, and a reduced  
24 burden of opioid abuse and misuse:

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
26 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
27 the Legislature declares that chronic pain is a serious health  
28 problem and the appropriate agencies of state government should  
29 examine how the state can improve the health and productivity of  
30 its citizens and reduce personal and government health  
31 expenditures by implementing the recommendations of the Institute  
32 of Medicine report.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we do hereby recognize September  
34 2018 as "Pain Awareness Month in Mississippi," and encourage all  
35 citizens of Mississippi to become more informed and aware of the  
36 impacts of chronic pain, and to support organizations in search  
37 for adequate pain care for Mississippians.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted  
39 to the State Board of Health for proper distribution and made  
40 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

