

By: Representatives Holland, Rogers (14th)

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI  
2 MEDICAL CENTER CANCER INSTITUTE TO COORDINATE THE MISSISSIPPI  
3 COLORECTAL CANCER ROUNDTABLE AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE  
4 LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, for the year 2015, Mississippi had the second  
6 highest rate of diagnosis of colorectal cancer in the United  
7 States and the third highest death rate from this form of cancer,  
8 according to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and  
9 Prevention; and

10 WHEREAS, reliable estimates from the Mississippi Cancer  
11 Registry indicate that on an annual basis, more than 1,700  
12 individuals in Mississippi are diagnosed with colorectal cancer,  
13 and more than 600 Mississippians die from the disease; and

14 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable  
15 forms of cancer because screening tests find polyps that can be  
16 removed before becoming cancerous; and

17 WHEREAS, screening tests can detect colorectal cancer early  
18 in its progression when treatment works best; and



19 WHEREAS, the economic costs of treating late-stage colorectal  
20 cancers are greater than the economic costs of effective  
21 colorectal screening programs; and

22 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer screening can effectively reduce  
23 incidence of and mortality from this form of cancer, yet one in  
24 three adults between the ages of 50 and 75 are not up-to-date with  
25 their recommended screening; and

26 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
27 estimates that Mississippi has the third lowest colorectal cancer  
28 screening rate in the nation; and

29 WHEREAS, the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer  
30 Institute has provided statewide leadership to increase colorectal  
31 cancer screening rates through the 70x2020 Colorectal Cancer  
32 Screening Initiative, a voluntary grassroots effort to ensure that  
33 at least 70% of all Mississippians are up-to-date with recommended  
34 colorectal cancer screening by the year 2020; and

35 WHEREAS, various partners of the 70x2020 Colorectal Cancer  
36 Screening Initiative have received national recognition for  
37 innovative efforts to educate the Mississippi public about the  
38 benefits of colorectal cancer prevention and screening; and

39 WHEREAS, the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is  
40 encouraging groups to commit to an ongoing "eighty percent in  
41 every community" initiative to increase the number of people  
42 screened for colorectal cancer and eliminating colorectal cancer  
43 as a major public health problem; and



44 WHEREAS, the University of Mississippi Cancer Institute is an  
45 active member of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable; and

46 WHEREAS, the stated intention of the 70x2020 Colorectal  
47 Cancer Screening Initiative is to end in the year 2020:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
50 THEREIN, That we do hereby urge the University of Mississippi  
51 Medical Center Cancer Institute to coordinate an initiative to be  
52 known as the Mississippi Colorectal Cancer Roundtable and to  
53 submit a written report on its findings concerning colorectal  
54 cancer prevention efforts in this state to the Legislature before  
55 January 1, 2021, and each year thereafter.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mississippi Legislature does  
57 hereby affirm the commitment of this state to the goals of the  
58 National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable's "eighty percent in every  
59 community" initiative.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
61 provided to the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, the  
62 Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of the University of  
63 Mississippi Medical Center and the Director of the University of  
64 Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute.

