

By: Senator(s) Michel, Branning, Caughman,  
Dearing, Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 665

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 2019 AS  
2 "INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH" IN  
3 MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, more than 47,000 citizens of the State of  
5 Mississippi have an intellectual or developmental disability; and

6 WHEREAS, individuals with intellectual or developmental  
7 disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers,  
8 encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

9 WHEREAS, the most effective way to increase this awareness is  
10 through everyone's active participation in community activities  
11 and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's  
12 contribution; and

13 WHEREAS, individuals with intellectual or developmental  
14 disabilities are entitled to enjoy, participate in and share the  
15 same benefits, privileges and protection afforded other citizens  
16 of our state and nation; and

17 WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to support opportunities  
18 for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in



19 our state that include full access to education, housing and  
20 recreation; and

21 WHEREAS, individuals with intellectual or developmental  
22 disabilities deserve total support, recognition and acceptance of  
23 all citizens of the State of Mississippi:

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
25 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
26 we do hereby designate March 2019 as "Intellectual and  
27 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in Mississippi.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made  
29 available to the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and the  
30 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

