

By: Senator(s) England, Barnett, Caughman,
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 537

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT MARCH 21, 2021, IS
2 "WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY IN MISSISSIPPI" TO ENCOURAGE AWARENESS
3 AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DOWN SYNDROME.

4 WHEREAS, one in every 700 babies is born with Down syndrome,
5 representing approximately 6,000 births per year in the United
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS, the National Down Syndrome Society, the leading
8 human rights organization for all individuals with Down syndrome,
9 envisions a world in which all people with Down syndrome have the
10 opportunity to enhance their equality of life, realize their life
11 aspirations and become valued members of welcoming communities;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, recent advancements in Down syndrome research have
14 proven that early intervention, education, social support,
15 therapeutic care and positive public attitudes improve each
16 individual's chances of living an independent, productive and
17 satisfying life; and



18 WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome should have equal
19 opportunity to achieve the universally desired goals of
20 self-fulfillment, pride in their achievements, inclusion in their
21 community and reach their fullest potential; and

22 WHEREAS, in recent years, many federal statutes have given an
23 increasing amount of discretion to the states to ensure that
24 policies are implemented in the best interests of individuals with
25 intellectual disabilities and advocacy work at the state level is
26 critical:

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
28 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
29 we hereby declare that March 21, 2021, is "World Down Syndrome Day
30 in Mississippi" to encourage awareness and opportunities for
31 individuals with Down syndrome.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
33 the National Down Syndrome Society, the Mississippi Coalition for
34 Individuals with Disabilities and the Mississippi Department of
35 Mental Health for appropriate distribution and be made available
36 to the Capitol Press Corps.

