

By: Representative Yancey

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024, AS
2 SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH, AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS OF THE STATE
3 TO ACKNOWLEDGE ITS OBSERVANCE.

4 WHEREAS, September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis
5 Awareness Month by Sepsis Alliance to bring awareness to sepsis,
6 the body's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead
7 to tissue damage, organ failure and death; and

8 WHEREAS, according to the CDC, sepsis affects 1.7 million
9 Americans and takes 350,000 adult lives every year in the United
10 States, more than from the devastating health crises of prostate
11 cancer, breast cancer and opioid overdose combined; and

12 WHEREAS, each year, more than 75,000 children in the United
13 States develop severe sepsis and 6,800 of these children die; and

14 WHEREAS, communities that have historically lacked access to
15 high-quality healthcare, including some communities of color and
16 individuals experiencing poverty, experience a disproportionate
17 burden of sepsis-related suffering; and



18 WHEREAS, sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in
19 the United States, at \$62 billion annually; and

20 WHEREAS, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy,
21 are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and
22 often experience after-effects such as amputations (14,000 per
23 year in the United States) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; and

24 WHEREAS, sepsis is the second-leading cause of
25 pregnancy-related mortality in the United States, and the United
26 States has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the
27 industrialized world; and

28 WHEREAS, the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is
29 steadily increasing the frequency of sepsis cases, and making
30 effective sepsis treatment more difficult; and

31 WHEREAS, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence
32 of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that
33 less than 15 percent of American adults can identify the symptoms
34 of sepsis; and

35 WHEREAS, the signs of sepsis can be remembered with the
36 mnemonic "TIME," which stands for "Temperature," "Infection,"
37 "Mental decline," and "Extremely ill"; and

38 WHEREAS, awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along
39 with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and
40 improve outcomes for sepsis survivors, as the risk of mortality
41 from sepsis increases by 4 to 9 percent for every hour treatment
42 is delayed:



43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
45 recognize the month of September 2024, as Sepsis Awareness Month,
46 and encourage all citizens of the state to acknowledge its
47 observance.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
49 furnished to the Sepsis Alliance and to the members of the Capitol
50 Press Corps.

