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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 660

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MAY AS OSTEOPOROSIS
2 AWARENESS MONTH IN MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, osteoporosis is a bone-thinning disease that is a
4 major health concern; and

5 WHEREAS, osteoporosis is a "silent disease" that typically
6 progresses without symptoms until fractures occur; and

7 WHEREAS, it is estimated that some 77% of the approximately
8 400,000 Mississippi women over the age of 50 remain untreated and
9 undiagnosed for osteoporosis; and

10 WHEREAS, osteoporosis is generally regarded as a preventable,
11 but not reversible, disease; and

12 WHEREAS, early detection of osteoporosis among at-risk
13 individuals is crucial to the prevention of the disease; and

14 WHEREAS, the 1994 Regular Session of the Mississippi
15 Legislature expanded the state's role in women's health with the
16 passage of Sections 41-93-1 through 41-93-9, Mississippi Code of
17 1972, enabling the State Department of Health to create a
18 statewide program to promote public awareness about osteoporosis:

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
20 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
21 we do hereby designate May as Osteoporosis Awareness Month in
22 Mississippi.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
24 furnished to the National Osteoporosis Foundation and the Capitol
25 Press Corps.