

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith, Dearing, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 603

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MAY AS OSTEOPOROSIS
2 AWARENESS MONTH IN MISSISSIPPI AND TO ENCOURAGE THE STATE
3 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS
4 41-93-1 THROUGH 41-93-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972.

5 WHEREAS, osteoporosis is a bone-thinning disease that is a
6 major health concern; and

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

9 WHEREAS, it is estimated that some 77% of the approximately
10 400,000 Mississippi women over the age of 50 remain untreated and
11 undiagnosed for osteoporosis; and

12 WHEREAS, osteoporosis is generally regarded as a preventable,
13 but not reversible, disease; and

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

16 WHEREAS, the 1994 Regular Session of the Mississippi
17 Legislature expanded the state's role in women's health with the
18 passage of Sections 41-93-1 through 41-93-9, Mississippi Code of
19 1972, enabling the State Department of Health to create a
20 statewide program to promote public awareness about osteoporosis:

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

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

