

By: Representative Warren

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 12, 2011, AS  
2 "FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY IN MISSISSIPPI."

3 WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is one of the most common chronic,  
4 widespread pain conditions in the United States, affecting more  
5 than 5 million Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, the causes of fibromyalgia are still not fully  
7 known; and

8 WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is real and can have a debilitating  
9 effect on patients' lives, taking an emotional, financial and  
10 social toll, compromising their ability to work and engage in  
11 daily activities, and affecting relationships with their families,  
12 friends, coworkers and community; and

13 WHEREAS, diagnosing fibromyalgia can be difficult, and many  
14 patients with fibromyalgia consult multiple health care providers  
15 and suffer for as long as five years before getting a correct  
16 diagnosis; and

17 WHEREAS, getting a correct diagnosis and being educated about  
18 fibromyalgia is the first step toward better managing the disease;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the  
21 realities of life with fibromyalgia will allow the community at  
22 large to better support patients and their families, friends,  
23 coworkers and employers who struggle with the challenges of this  
24 chronic pain disorder; and

25 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to join with  
26 the National Fibromyalgia Association and other fibromyalgia



27 support organizations in promoting awareness and encouraging  
28 improved education, diagnosis, research and treatment:

29       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
30 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
31 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize May 12, 2011, as  
32 "Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in Mississippi" and encourage all  
33 Mississippians to participate in appropriate fibromyalgia  
34 awareness activities.

35       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
36 furnished to the National Fibromyalgia Association and to the  
37 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

