

By: Representative Lott

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL
2 DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S
3 MEDICAL MALPRACTICE REFORM.

4 WHEREAS, a fair and efficient legal system free from
5 frivolous and abusive litigation is necessary for a vibrant
6 economy and access to affordable health care; and

7 WHEREAS, rapidly increasing medical malpractice awards are
8 driving up malpractice insurance premiums, reducing access to
9 health care, and fueling the rapid growth in health care costs;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, frivolous medical lawsuits lead to hospitals closing
12 their doors, doctors refusing to see new patients, and in some
13 cases, forcing doctors to leave for other states; and

14 WHEREAS, reasonable caps on damages protect patients from the
15 rising costs of and diminishing access to health care that results
16 from lawsuit abuse; and

17 WHEREAS, victims who suffer losses, not their attorneys,
18 should receive the majority of damage awards; and

19 WHEREAS, lawsuits filed in a timely fashion promote fairness
20 for all parties; and

21 WHEREAS, medical malpractice reforms enacting caps on
22 damages, allowing for the inclusion of collateral source payments
23 in jury considerations, and imposing time limits on filing of
24 lawsuits will enhance access to health care, lower medical
25 premiums, and lower the cost of health care:

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
27 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING

28 THEREIN, That the Mississippi Legislature requests our elected
29 Representatives and Senators in the United States Congress to
30 support meaningful medical malpractice liability reform.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
32 furnished to the members of Mississippi's Congressional Delegation
33 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.