

By: Senator(s) White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 575

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 SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
27 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That

28 the State of Mississippi requests our elected Representatives and  
29 Senators in the United States Congress to support meaningful  
30 medical malpractice liability reform.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted  
32 to the Mississippi Congressional Delegation and to the President  
33 of the United States, and be made available to the Capitol Press  
34 Corps.