

By: Representative Roberson

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE
2 CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO INCLUDE NEW IMMUNIZATION TECHNOLOGIES
3 FOR RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS IN THE VACCINES FOR CHILDREN
4 PROGRAM.

5 WHEREAS, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), a highly
6 transmissible, seasonal virus which may have severe and
7 unpredictable outcomes for infants, is the leading cause of
8 hospitalization among infants in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis
10 (inflammation of the small airways in the lung) and pneumonia
11 (infection of the lungs) in children younger than one year of age
12 in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, the current RSV season has resulted in significant
14 morbidity and increased mortality; and

15 WHEREAS, monoclonal antibodies for RSV show promise of
16 preventative protection against RSV; and

17 WHEREAS, the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program is a
18 federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to



19 children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of
20 inability to pay; and

21 WHEREAS, VFC coverage is critical to ensure equity and access
22 for all infants in order to have the greatest impact on disease
23 burden:

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
26 THEREIN, That we do hereby urge the Centers for Disease Control
27 and Prevention to include new RSV immunization technologies,
28 including vaccines and monoclonal antibodies, within the federal
29 VFC program if the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of
30 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issues
31 administrative recommendations that are subsequently approved by
32 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
34 furnished to Rochelle Walensky, Director of the Centers for
35 Disease Control and Prevention; Chiquita Brooks-LaSure,
36 Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
37 (CMS); Xavier Becerra, Secretary of the Department of Health and
38 Human Services; the public welfare requiring it; and to the
39 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

