

By: Representative Lott

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL  
2 DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S  
3 CALL FOR LEGAL 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, reasonable caps on damages protect consumers from  
8 the rising costs of, and diminishing access to, products and  
9 services that result from lawsuit abuse; and

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

12 WHEREAS, lawsuits filed in a timely fashion promote fairness  
13 for all parties; and

14 WHEREAS, in accordance with the intent of the framers of the  
15 Constitution, cases involving residents of different states should  
16 be tried in federal court; and

17 WHEREAS, individuals suffer the most damaging effects of  
18 frivolous lawsuits as the cost of products and services rises due  
19 to the exorbitant increases in insurance costs:

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
22 THEREIN, That the Mississippi Legislature requests our elected  
23 Representatives and Senators in the United States Congress to  
24 support meaningful class action reform and medical malpractice  
25 liability reform.

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