

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1078

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution requesting the Congressional Delegation of the State of Oklahoma to support the President's Medical Malpractice Reform; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, a fair and efficient legal system free from frivolous and abusive litigation is necessary for a vibrant economy and access to affordable healthcare; and

WHEREAS, rapidly increasing medical malpractice awards are driving up malpractice insurance premiums, reducing access to healthcare, and fueling the rapid growth in healthcare costs; and

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

WHEREAS, reasonable caps on damages protects patients from the rising costs of, and diminishing access to, healthcare that results from lawsuit abuse; and

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

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

WHEREAS, medical malpractice reforms enacting caps on damages. Allowing for the inclusion of collateral source payments in jury considerations, and imposing time limits on filing lawsuits will enhance access to healthcare, lower medical premiums, and lower the cost of healthcare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives requests our elected
Representatives and Senators in the United States Congress to
support meaningful medical malpractice liability reform.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
Congressional Delegation.

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