

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 4

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A Resolution requesting Congress to support President Bush's medical malpractice liability 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 health care; and

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

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

WHEREAS, reasonable caps on damages protect patients from the rising costs of and diminishing access to health care that result 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 of lawsuits will enhance access to health care, lower medical premiums, and lower the cost of health care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate requests our elected
Representatives and Senators in the United States Congress to
support President Bush's medical malpractice liability reform.

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

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