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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There is a need to implement health care liability 3 reforms on the federal level to: improve the availability of 4 health care services in cases in which health care liability actions have been shown to be a factor in the decreased 5 availability of services; reduce the incidence of defensive 6 7 medicine and lower the cost of health care liability insurance; ensure that persons with meritorious health care injury claims 8 9 receive fair and adequate compensation; impose reasonable 10 limits on noneconomic damages; improve the fairness and 11 cost-effectiveness of our current health care liability system to resolve disputes over, and provide compensation for, health 12 care liability by reducing uncertainty in the amount of 13 compensation provided to injured individuals; and provide an 14 15 increased sharing of information in the health care system 16 which will reduce unintended injury and improve patient care; therefore, be it 17

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United States Congress to enact legislation to implement health care liability reforms, including reasonable limits on noneconomic damages; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.