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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1027
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Sponsors: Representatives Carney, Earle, Bordsen, Dickson (Primary Sponsors); L. Allen, Coates, Farmer-Butterfield, Glazier, Goforth, Hackney, McLawhorn, Parmon, Rapp, Ross, and Weiss.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 10, 2003

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES TO APPOINT A BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE TO
3 STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE.

4 Whereas, the issues surrounding medical malpractice and the remedies
5 proposed to address these issues are very complex, affecting both health care practice
6 and health care access; and

7 Whereas, the issues surrounding medical malpractice are of extreme
8 importance to all citizens of North Carolina; Now, therefore,

9 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

10 **SECTION 1.** The Speakers of the House of Representatives may appoint a
11 Blue Ribbon Task Force on Medical Malpractice to conduct a comprehensive study of
12 the following:

- 13 (1) The complex causes of and remedies for medical malpractice.
- 14 (2) Rapidly escalating professional liability premiums for health care
15 providers.
- 16 (3) The impact of medical malpractice issues on health care accessibility
17 in North Carolina.
- 18 (4) Other matters related to medical malpractice and its impact on health
19 care access.

20 **SECTION 2.** The Speakers of the House of Representatives shall appoint 26
21 members to the Blue Ribbon Task Force composed of members of the House of
22 Representatives and a balanced representation of the insurance industry, health care
23 consumers, medical providers, trial lawyers, and related interest groups.

24 **SECTION 3.** The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Medical Malpractice shall
25 make recommendations to the 2004 Regular Session of the 2003 General Assembly
26 upon its reconvening.

27 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.