

House Resolution 11

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Carter of the 93rd, Davis of the 87th, and Cannon of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to take swift action to ensure that women with
2 autoimmune diseases and conditions do not lose access to medically necessary treatment in
3 order to treat their illnesses and exercise due diligence to ensure that federal policies do not
4 unnecessarily restrict access to the care women need; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, women are losing access to methotrexate, and immunosuppressant drugs
6 prescribed to millions of Americans to treat rheumatic illnesses; and

7 WHEREAS, methotrexate, while used to treat conditions including Lupus, rheumatoid
8 arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, and psoriasis, can also be used off-label to end ectopic
9 pregnancies; and

10 WHEREAS, the complications of women losing access to this medication are vast; and

11 WHEREAS, without access to the preferred and most effective medication or a suitable
12 replacement in a timely manner, patients could suffer irreversible damage to organs and
13 joints.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body urge the United States Congress to take swift action to ensure that
16 women with autoimmune diseases and conditions do not lose access to medically necessary
17 treatment in order to treat their illnesses and exercise due diligence to ensure that federal
18 policies do not unnecessarily restrict access to the care women need.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
21 members of the Georgia congressional delegation.