

## Senate Resolution 901

By: Senators Robertson of the 29th, Anderson of the 24th, Payne of the 54th, Orrock of the 36th and Hufstetler of the 52nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the coverage of IVF procedures under the State Health Benefit Plan; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a just society should strive to provide all of its members access to the resources  
4 that they need to lead healthy and fulfilled lives—at least where available resources allow it;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, being able to conceive and raise children brings more meaning and joy than,  
7 say, being able to run or lift heavy objects; and

8 WHEREAS, health insurance plans routinely cover treatment of non-life-threatening  
9 orthopedic conditions while excluding coverage for IVF; and

10 WHEREAS, adoption is equally cost prohibitive with the average cost being in excess of  
11 \$40,000.00; and

12 WHEREAS, since the 1980s, 16 states have passed laws that require insurers to cover or  
13 offer coverage for infertility diagnosis and treatment; and

14 WHEREAS, of those states, 14 have laws that require insurance companies to cover  
15 infertility treatment, and two states have laws that require insurance companies to offer  
16 coverage for infertility treatment.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
18 encourage the coverage of IVF procedures under the State Health Benefit Plan.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
20 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
21 press.