

By: Hall, Campbell

S.C.R. No. 3

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Pediatrics, American
2 Medical Association, and Children's Hospital Association wrote a
3 letter to the United States Attorney General on October 3, 2022,
4 requesting a Department of Justice investigation of organizations,
5 individuals, and entities that advocate against what they term
6 "gender-affirming health care"; and

7 WHEREAS, "Gender-affirming care" is an unconscionable
8 misnomer for the abhorrent practice of genital mutilation and the
9 administration of puberty blockers to children who can not even
10 legally smoke cigarettes; such "care" leads to irreparable harm,
11 psychological damage, and a lifetime of trauma; and

12 WHEREAS, The defenders of "gender-affirming" treatment wish
13 to silence the voices of those who have undergone gender
14 transitions and are left with immense, debilitating regret; they
15 ignore that other countries have examined the issue of whether
16 minors can adequately understand and properly consent to
17 "gender-affirming care"; in a landmark 2020 High Court decision in
18 the United Kingdom, the court ruled that the capacity to legally
19 consent to taking puberty blockers was "highly unlikely" for
20 13-year-olds and "doubtful" for 14- and 15-year-olds;
21 consequently, the use of puberty blockers was suspended for
22 children under the age of 16; and

23 WHEREAS, In July 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration
24 issued a warning regarding gonadotropin-releasing hormone

1 agonists, commonly known as puberty blockers; the FDA identified a
2 plausible association between GnRH agonist use and pseudotumor
3 cerebri, also known as idiopathic intracranial hypertension, which
4 occurs when pressure inside the skull spontaneously increases; the
5 condition can cause brain swelling, severe headaches, nausea,
6 double vision, and even permanent vision loss, according to the
7 Mayo Clinic; and

8 WHEREAS, "Gender-affirming care" is a dangerous practice
9 that destroys lives, and those who would suppress opposition to
10 such treatment are deserving of the harshest censure; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby express support for ending "gender-affirming care" and
14 condemn the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical
15 Association, and Children's Hospital Association for their attempt
16 to suppress objections to such treatment.