

Rep. Lipton offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 345.**

A resolution to memorialize Congress to enact the Stem Cell Research Advancement Act of 2009.

Whereas, Stem cell research offers hope to millions of people suffering from debilitating diseases and injuries. Stem cells hold the promise to treat diseases like diabetes, Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's, and help people suffering from spinal cord injuries; and

Whereas, A substantial amount of research must be performed if stem cells are to safely fulfill their vast medical promise. Each year, thousands of excess or unused embryos are created at *in-vitro* fertilization (IVF) clinics. Stem cell lines from these embryos could be used for research into treatments that may someday provide cures for previously incurable and devastating diseases. However, because of policies enacted under President Bush, tragically, most of these embryos are discarded as medical waste; and

Whereas, The Stem Cell Research Advancement Act of 2009, H.R.4808, introduced by Representatives Diana DeGette and Michael Castle, allows the creation of new stem cell lines using donated IVF embryos. The legislation codifies President Barack Obama's 2009 Executive Order overturning former President Bush's restrictions on stem cell research. To help ensure that stem cell research advances in a safe and ethical manner, the legislation retains the strong ethical requirements contained in the Executive Order. The Stem Cell Research Advancement Act will provide scientists and businesses regulatory certainty. It will help American universities and hospitals, such as those in Michigan, as they advance knowledge to find cures to alleviate suffering for hundreds of millions of people in the United States and throughout the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to enact the Stem Cell Research Advancement Act of 2009; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.