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# H. RES. 444

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KING of Iowa submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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# RESOLUTION

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Whereas human life is sacred and deserving of care and preservation at all stages of development;

Whereas a baby is not a statistic to be managed but rather a life, to be supported in every way possible;

Whereas an experimental treatment exists in the United States that could prolong the life of Charles Matthew William Gard (“Charlie”);

Whereas a hospital in the United States has offered to admit Charlie for such treatment;

Whereas President Donald J. Trump, moved by Charlie's struggle, has extended a hand of help to his parents from the United States; and

Whereas parents retain an inherent right to protect and provide for their children, and to seek out all resources and services available to secure life-saving treatments, wherever they may be found, for their children: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the courts of the United Kingdom of  
2 Great Britain and Northern Island and the European  
3 Court of Human Rights should allow Charles William  
4 Gard and Constance Rhoda Keely Yates to pursue innova-  
5 tive medical care for their son, Charles Matthew William  
6 Gard ("Charlie"), in any country where such care may be  
7 available, in order to give Charlie the chance to be cured  
8 in accordance with his parents' wishes.

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