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### **Congressman Heath Shuler Statement on Embryonic Stem Cell Research**

*Washington, D.C.* – Below please find a statement from Rep. Heath Shuler on H.R. 3 and his co-sponsorship of H.R. 322, the “Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act of 2007.”

“This afternoon, after listening to arguments from both sides and taking time for personal thought, I cast my vote against H.R. 3.”

“We are continuing to see exceptional advancements in stem cell research that does not endanger human embryos, especially from amniotic fluid and umbilical cord blood. It is my belief that at this time those are the areas of research that are most promising and offer the most diverse number of cell lines. I believe advancements in these areas are eminent and are where we should be focusing our federal research dollars.”

“I do believe there are tremendous advancements to be made from stem cell research that is done ethically and without destroying embryos, which is what H.R. 322 promotes. This bill was written and introduced by two members of the House, one who is a human physiologist and the other is an Ob/Gyn. That is why today I was proud to become a co-sponsor of that legislation.”

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