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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

HEALTH CARE: Acknowledges the historic milestones in U.S. healthcare reform reached since enactment of the Affordable Care Act

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To acknowledge and commemorate the historic milestones in healthcare reform that our
3 nation has reached since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act in 2010.

4 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act consists of the following Acts of Congress,
5 collectively:

(1) The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which originated as H.R. 3590 in the One Hundred Eleventh United States Congress and became Public Law No. 111-148.

8 (2) The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, which originated as H.R.
9 4872 in the One Hundred Eleventh United States Congress and became Public Law No.
10 111-152; and

WHEREAS, since its enactment in 2010, the Affordable Care Act, or "ACA", has instituted monumental health policy reforms and is reshaping the way virtually all Americans receive and finance their health care; and

14 WHEREAS, among the key features of the ACA are rights and protections for
15 healthcare consumers, accountability measures for insurance companies, expanded eligibility
16 for medical assistance for working families, and a requirement that every American maintain
17 a minimum level of health insurance coverage; and

18 WHEREAS, despite challenges at its inception in the fall of 2013, the health
19 insurance exchange created by the ACA enrolled seven million one hundred thousand
20 Americans in health coverage by the March 31, 2014, enrollment deadline, far surpassing
21 the projections of congressional analysts; and

1 WHEREAS, the ACA is a successful law that not only enhances access by millions
2 of Americans to health care, but also modernizes our nation's health system and sets forth
3 policies to fight waste, fraud, and abuse that are unprecedented in their scope and
4 effectiveness; and

5 WHEREAS, from March 23, 2010, when the ACA was signed into law and insurance
6 companies lost their power to cancel or deny coverage based on preexisting conditions, and
7 to charge women more than men, to March 31, 2014, when the number of Americans to gain
8 coverage through the ACA's health insurance exchange topped seven million, the ACA
9 brought to fruition landmark reforms in healthcare policy; and

10 WHEREAS, as the law of the land, the ACA continues to represent true progress for
11 our nation today; and

12 WHEREAS, the long-awaited and much-needed reforms set forth in the ACA
13 represent an historic step forward for our nation.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 acknowledge and commemorate the historic milestones in healthcare reform that our nation
16 has reached since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act in 2010.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 president of the United States of America, the presiding officers of the Senate and the House
19 of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America, and to each member of
20 the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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