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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

PHARMACISTS: Memorializes the United States Congress to pass the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act

## 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the

3 Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act.

4           WHEREAS, the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act would allow Medicare to  
5   reimburse retail community pharmacies for delivery of diabetic testing supplies to Medicare  
6   recipients' homes; and

7           WHEREAS, seniors would be safe from entering hazardous circumstances, risking  
8   debilitating falls, or other comparable inconveniences to obtain diabetic testing supplies  
9   because of lack of supply delivery; and

10 WHEREAS, the cost of delivery of diabetic testing supplies may be equivalent  
11 regardless of whether they are delivered same-day by local pharmacies or through the mail;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the integrity of health care access to seniors in need of diabetic testing  
14 supply access would be increased; and

15 WHEREAS, in July 2013, the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act of 2013 was  
16 introduced as H.R. 2845 by United States Representative Peter Welch of Vermont; and

17 WHEREAS, in January 2014, Senator John Thune of South Dakota introduced the  
18 Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act of 2014 as S. 1935; and

19 WHEREAS, the percentage of people diagnosed with diabetes from 1980 - 2011 for  
20 those aged sixty-five to seventy-four years increased one hundred forty percent, and one  
21 hundred twenty-five percent for those age seventy-five years and older, and the overall  
22 prevalence of diagnosed diabetes has risen sharply among all groups for which data is  
23 available; and

1           WHEREAS, community pharmacies play a pivotal role in affordable and accessible  
2 health care within rural and other underserved communities by providing delivery services.

3           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
4 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the  
5 Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
7 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the  
8 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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DIGEST

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