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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

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

1 A 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:

6 (1) The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which originated as H.R. 3590
7 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

11 WHEREAS, since its enactment in 2010, the Affordable Care Act, or "ACA", has
12 instituted monumental health policy reforms and is reshaping the way virtually all
13 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, since its inception in the fall of 2013, the health insurance exchange
19 created by the ACA overcame technical challenges and enrolled seven million one hundred
20 thousand Americans in health coverage by the March 31, 2014, enrollment deadline, far
21 surpassing the projections of congressional analysts; and

1 WHEREAS, the purposes of the ACA are to enhance access by millions of
2 Americans to health care, modernize our nation's health system, and set forth policies to
3 fight waste, fraud, and abuse that are unprecedented in their scope and effectiveness; and

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

9 WHEREAS, as the law of the land, the ACA continues to represent true progress for
10 our nation today.

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

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

DIGEST

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