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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

## BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

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

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:
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.
0	111-152; and
1	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, accountabilitymeasures 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 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 progress for our 10 nation today; and 11 WHEREAS, the reforms set forth in the ACA represent an historic step forward for 12 those with the greatest need in our nation. 13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 14 acknowledge and commemorate the historic milestones in healthcare reform that our nation 15 has reached since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act in 2010. 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 17 president of the United States of America, the presiding officers of the Senate and the House 18 of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America, and to each member of 19 the Louisiana congressional delegation.

## DIGEST

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