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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In Illinois, the 3.6 million people covered by  
3 Medicaid represent more than 25% of the State's 12.5 million  
4 population; and

5 WHEREAS, Two out of five births in the State are covered by  
6 Medicaid as are two out of every three nursing home residents;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Overall, Illinois spent \$31 billion on Medicaid  
9 benefits last year with the federal government covering 65% of  
10 the cost; and

11 WHEREAS, Medicaid reform is expected to be included in one  
12 or two budget reconciliation bills in the U.S. House of  
13 Representatives that require only simple majorities to pass  
14 and avoid the risk of a U.S. Senate filibuster; and

15 WHEREAS, Big cuts to the federal-state health care  
16 insurance program would bring financial strain to Illinois'  
17 budget and the State's Medicaid recipients; and

18 WHEREAS, One in four Illinoisans of the State's population  
19 rely on Medicaid health insurance to cover medical needs and  
20 could see cuts to their health care coverage if Medicaid

1 reform is passed; and

2 WHEREAS, A proposal of the Medicaid reforms includes  
3 cutting Medicaid federal contributions to the Affordable Care  
4 Act's (ACA) 2014 Medicaid expansion that gave healthcare to  
5 more than 800,000 Illinois recipients; and

6 WHEREAS, Currently, the federal government pays for 90% of  
7 this group's coverage; and

8 WHEREAS, If federal funding for this particular Medicaid  
9 group goes below 90%, a trigger law, adopted by the Illinois  
10 General Assembly in 2013, would automatically end coverage for  
11 those 862,774 ACA Medicaid recipients and put an end to  
12 expanding to include other unenrolled American citizens, or  
13 the State would have to make cuts to other aspects of Medicaid  
14 or unrelated programs to make up for the lost federal dollars  
15 in order to pay for this group's coverage; and

16 WHEREAS, If the 2013 trigger law is enacted, there would  
17 be devastating consequences for the State of Illinois and its  
18 residents; and

19 WHEREAS, Illinois should consider the impact of not  
20 repealing the trigger law and should look for every possible  
21 way to protect those in need of Medicaid; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2   HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3   we urge the Illinois General Assembly to reconsider the repeal  
4   of the 2013 Medicaid funding trigger law and to protect those  
5   who may be impacted by federal Affordable Care Act (ACA)  
6   Medicaid funding cuts; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois General Assembly to  
8   take decisive budget actions in the healthcare arena and to  
9   aggressively advocate for Medicaid protection and expansion to  
10   ensure no vulnerable resident is left behind and no hospital,  
11   clinic, or emergency department is threatened out of  
12   existence.