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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Families, large and small businesses, healthcare providers, and State and local government in Illinois are struggling to access the quality, affordable healthcare that they need to promote healthy families and a healthy economy in their State and nationally; and

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WHEREAS, As a result of the national healthcare crisis, health insurance premiums in Illinois increased by 73% between the years 2000 and 2007, while median earnings increased by only 11%; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois median yearly wage in 2007 was \$27,330, while the average healthcare premium for a family was \$12,153; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois employers spend an average of \$9,071 per year on family coverage, paying 77% of the total cost of premiums for family coverage; and

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WHEREAS, An average of 700 Illinoisans lose their health insurance every day; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

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1 the time for a national solution to the American healthcare
2 crisis that threatens the economic and physical health of the
3 people of Illinois and people across the country is now; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That we recognize the urgent need for a national
6 solution to the healthcare crisis that meets key criteria for
7 comprehensive health care reform set forth by President Obama
8 and Health Care for America Now, including the following:

9 (1) affordable coverage and care, with premiums and
10 out-of-pocket costs based on a family's ability to pay and
11 a choice of providers that meets our families' needs from
12 preventative care to care for serious illness; and

13 (2) a choice of health insurance plans, including the
14 right to keep one's current insurance, choose another
15 private plan, or join a public health insurance plan; and

16 (3) equity in healthcare access, treatment, research,
17 and resources to people and communities of color and the
18 strengthening of health services in low-income
19 communities; and

20 (4) a system in which government sets and enforces
21 rules on insurance company practices and charges,
22 requiring them to put our healthcare before their profits;
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24 (5) coverage that is predictable and affordable for
25 working families, retirees, and small businesses and other

1 employers and that controls costs while improving quality,
2 with measures such as: lowering administrative expenses,
3 investing in preventive care, actively managing disease,
4 setting standards for performance, reducing medical
5 errors, and using the public's purchasing power to lower
6 drug and other prices; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we encourage local governments, families,
8 providers, and businesses across Illinois to work together in
9 2009 with the newly elected President Obama, the Illinois
10 Congressional delegation, and the leaders of the U.S. Congress
11 to guarantee quality, affordable healthcare for everyone in our
12 State and across the country; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 delivered to President Obama, the Illinois Congressional
15 delegation, and the leaders of the U.S. Congress.