

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, State Medicaid spending currently accounts for  
2 approximately 22 percent of total state spending; and

3 WHEREAS, Under the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage,  
4 the federal share of state Medicaid spending provided to the State  
5 of Texas has decreased by 4.2 percent over the past 10 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Average monthly Medicaid caseloads in the State of  
7 Texas are projected to increase to 2,885,583 by fiscal year 2005  
8 from 2,376,193 in fiscal year 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, Prescription drug costs are a major factor driving  
10 Medicaid expenditures, and annual Medicaid prescription levels in  
11 the State of Texas are projected to rise to 40,257,515 by fiscal  
12 year 2005, from 33,859,094 in fiscal year 2003; and

13 WHEREAS, The Congressional Budget Office projects that  
14 Medicaid spending under the current system will more than double by  
15 the year 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, The growth in federal spending of the Medicaid and  
17 welfare entitlements is astronomical and spiraling, significantly  
18 increasing the federal budget costs; and

19 WHEREAS, This growth will never be controlled unless the  
20 State of Texas has autonomous management of the program, free from  
21 federal mandates regarding individual entitlement, eligibility  
22 groups, benefits, payment rates, and financing structures to allow  
23 most citizens of the State of Texas to benefit from the Medicaid and  
24 welfare programs; and

1           WHEREAS, The State of Texas will be able to design and develop  
2 innovative, efficient, and productive medical assistance programs  
3 that will meet the needs of the residents within the State of Texas'  
4 budget capacity; and

5           WHEREAS, In the State of Texas, there exists the possibility  
6 to improve patient outcomes and cost-effectiveness with a statewide  
7 implementation of consumer-directed care under the state medical  
8 assistance program; now, therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
10 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to enact  
11 the appropriate legislation to pass federal funds on to states via  
12 block grants to be used for public welfare and Medicaid purposes;  
13 and, be it further

14           RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
15 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, the  
16 speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
17 senate of the United States Congress, the secretary of the United  
18 States Department of Health and Human Services and all the members  
19 of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this  
20 resolution be officially entered into the Congressional Record of  
21 the United States of America.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 58 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 90, Nays 45, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 58 was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor