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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The regulation and oversight of the health insurance
2 market are powers that have traditionally and historically been
3 reserved for state government; and

4 WHEREAS, Through their direct knowledge of market
5 conditions, state legislatures are uniquely positioned to respond
6 quickly and efficiently to the needs of local constituents; over
7 the years, this state-based system of regulation has served all
8 interests well; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Congress overstepped its
10 constitutional authority when it passed the Patient Protection and
11 Affordable Care Act on March 21, 2010; the Act encroaches on the
12 sovereignty of states, forcing them to spend billions of additional
13 dollars on entitlement programs; according to the Texas Health and
14 Human Services Commission, the new federal Medicaid standards
15 imposed by the Act will double the number of recipients and require
16 Texas taxpayers to spend an additional \$24.3 billion over a 10-year
17 period; moreover, by shifting substantial administrative
18 responsibilities to the states, the new law will require that state
19 employees and agencies devote enormous amounts of time and
20 resources to implementation; and

21 WHEREAS, The Act also infringes on the liberty of individuals
22 by mandating that all citizens and legal residents of the United
23 States obtain qualifying health care coverage or pay a tax penalty;
24 this mandate exceeds the powers of the federal government under

1 Article I of the United States Constitution and violates the Tenth
2 Amendment; and

3 WHEREAS, The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act not
4 only is unconstitutional, its implementation will endanger
5 economic stability by adding billions of dollars to the already
6 staggering national debt; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
8 hereby express its opposition to the Patient Protection and
9 Affordable Care Act; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
11 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
12 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
13 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
14 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that
15 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a
16 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.