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H.C.R. No. 102

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Religious liberty is a cornerstone on which our  
2 nation was founded, and the right of individual conscience has also  
3 long been held sacrosanct in this country; however, neither are  
4 adequately addressed in the provisions of the Patient Protection  
5 and Affordable Care Act of 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, The PPACA fails to make appropriate allowances for  
7 the religious, moral, or ethical beliefs held by patients, groups,  
8 employers, individual health care providers, health care  
9 facilities such as hospitals, insurance providers, or purchasers of  
10 health care insurance; and

11 WHEREAS, Religiously affiliated hospitals, clinics, nursing  
12 homes, and other health facilities provide a substantial and  
13 indispensable portion of health care services and are governed by  
14 specific religious and moral codes central to their mission as  
15 health care providers; moreover, health insurers strive to provide  
16 flexible and diverse products to meet a wide variety of needs, and  
17 they must be able to tailor their products to the religious, moral,  
18 and ethical beliefs of their prospective customers; and

19 WHEREAS, While tremendous structural change is taking place  
20 in the American health care system, it must not compromise the right  
21 of participants to follow their beliefs; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
23 hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact  
24 comprehensive legislation to protect the religious liberty and

1 individual conscience rights of all participants involved in  
2 accessing or providing of health care, favoring no set of beliefs  
3 over another and ensuring that all may participate in the health  
4 care system in a manner consistent with their beliefs and  
5 conscience; and, be it further

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