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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Chronic disease is recognized as the leading cause
2 of disability and death in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Each year, chronic disease claims 1.7 million lives
4 in our nation, representing 70 percent of all deaths; such chronic
5 illnesses as heart disease, stroke, cancer, respiratory disease,
6 and diabetes are among the most prevalent, costly, and preventable
7 of all health problems; and

8 WHEREAS, The inefficient coordination of care for people with
9 chronic conditions has led to both higher costs and poorer health
10 outcomes for the most vulnerable populations; for example, 8 out of
11 10 of the top one percent of Medicaid utilizers have at least three
12 chronic conditions, and 6 out of 10 have five or more chronic
13 conditions; and

14 WHEREAS, The issue is even more prevalent among the elderly
15 or disabled who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid; this
16 dual-eligible population accounts for 38 percent of Medicaid
17 spending overall, and the average participant has five physicians,
18 more than four conditions, and more than five prescribers; and

19 WHEREAS, Care coordination supports information-sharing
20 across providers and involves consumers in their own health care,
21 helping to ensure that the preferences of patients are respected
22 and that their needs are met; moreover, such coordination promotes
23 efficient, high-quality care and allows for implementing
24 prevention programs around multiple chronic conditions, which can

1 help states reduce the overall financial burden of chronic illness
2 within Medicaid and Medicare, as well as in the health insurance
3 coverage of state employees; and

4 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of the public is a matter
5 of vital importance, and chronic care coordination can improve
6 quality of life while reducing the high cost of medical treatment;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby express support for chronic care coordination
10 and encourage the adoption of evidence-based strategies to prevent,
11 postpone, and treat chronic diseases.