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H.C.R. No. 58

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas could produce greater health
2 outcomes for enrollees and better protect taxpayers through
3 Medicaid block grants; and

4 WHEREAS, States are often constrained in delivering adequate
5 health care to residents in need because of onerous federal
6 regulations; block grants, however, would enable states to design
7 health care programs that best serve their citizens and to better
8 handle fluctuations in the economy, population growth, and health
9 care costs; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the Texas Health and Human Services
11 Commission, the state would have saved \$4 billion on health care in
12 2015 by using block grants instead of the present Medicaid model;
13 moreover, annual cost savings under a block grant program could
14 exceed \$6 billion by 2023; and

15 WHEREAS, The current Medicaid program is not only
16 unsustainable but also less effective than a state-based system; as
17 the cost of the entitlement continues to rise and to strain state
18 budgets across the nation, the federal government should instead
19 empower states to address health care needs at the local level; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby urge the United States Congress to provide the Lone Star
23 State with Medicaid block grants and allow Texas to create its own
24 health care program for the poor; and, be it further

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