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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLIS

CONGRESS: Urges Louisiana's congressional delegation to support a national moratorium on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana congressional delegation to support a national moratorium on implementation and enforcement of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for a period of at least three years.

WHEREAS, the separation of powers between the branches of the federal government and between federal and state authority is essential to the preservation of individual liberty; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States creates a federal government with limited, enumerated powers, and reserves to the states or to the people those powers not granted to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, with respect to health care, the United States Congress has enacted laws that preempt the laws of states and place an increasing strain on state budgets, in turn impeding the ability of states to meet other critical responsibilities such as those relative to education, infrastructure, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, it is the public policy of Louisiana to protect individual liberty and personal control over healthcare decisions; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this policy of protecting individual liberty, the Legislature of Louisiana hereby declares that regulatory authority over health care should be vested in the states; and

1 WHEREAS, federal directives that compel Louisiana agencies, officers, or state
2 employees to aid in the implementation or enforcement of the provisions of the Patient
3 Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, inclusive of any amendments thereto, are in
4 direct conflict with the public policy of this state.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 urge and request the Louisiana congressional delegation to support a national moratorium
7 on implementation and enforcement of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for
8 a period of at least three years.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
10 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
11 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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