

House Concurrent Resolution No. 30

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES BROWN (50) (Sponsor), HUGHES, CARTER, LeBLANC, WILDBERGER, MEINERS, PACE, WALTON GRAY, McDONALD, FALLERT, COLONA, HUMMEL, MORRIS, JONES (63), YAEGER AND HARRIS (Co-sponsors).

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1 **Whereas**, every person in Missouri and in the United States deserves access to
2 affordable, quality health care; and
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4 **Whereas**, there is a growing crisis in health care in the United States of America,
5 manifested in rising health care costs, increased premiums, out-of-pocket spending, decreased
6 international business competitiveness, and massive layoffs; and
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8 **Whereas**, approximately 729,000 Missourians lacked health insurance in 2007; and
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10 **Whereas**, those insured now often experience unacceptable medical debt and
11 sometimes life-threatening delays in obtaining health care; and
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13 **Whereas**, one-half of all personal bankruptcies are due to illnesses or medical bills;
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16 **Whereas**, the implementation of the MO HealthNet Program in 2008 and the rising
17 cost of insuring state employees and teachers can best be met not by limiting benefits, but by
18 expanding them under a national, publicly-funded health insurance program; and
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20 **Whereas**, the complex bureaucracy arising from our system of fragmented, for-
21 profit, multi-payer system of health care financing consumes approximately 30% of United
22 States health care spending; and

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24 **Whereas**, independent research by Kenneth E. Thorpe, PhD. found in 2003 that
25 if Missouri adopted a single-payer, universal health program with benefits more generous than
26 75% of all private insurance benefits in the state, Missouri health care spending would decline
27 by a savings of \$1.3 billion in administrative costs alone under a streamlined administrative
28 structure; and

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30 **Whereas**, the United States Congress should act immediately to pass legislation
31 to provide a universal, comprehensive, single-payer system of high quality national health
32 insurance:

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34 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
35 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
36 concurring therein, hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to enact a universal
37 health care system in the United States; and

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39 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
40 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for President
41 Barack Obama and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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