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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
9 INVESTIGATE THE INCREASES IN COST OF GENERIC
10 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS; AND TO URGE THE FOOD AND
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24 WHEREAS, generic medications are prescription medications that are the
25 same drug and strength as the more expensive brand name medication and that
26 are produced by one or more companies after the expiration of the brand name
27 medication's patent life; and

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29 WHEREAS, generics medications have historically provided low cost
30 prescription drug alternatives to brand name medications; and

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32 WHEREAS, generic medications represent more than 80% of the
33 prescription medications dispensed in the State of Arkansas; and

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35 WHEREAS, since early 2013, generic pharmaceutical manufacturers have
36 been dramatically increasing the price of their medications; and



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2 WHEREAS, some of the medications that have been affected by price
3 increase of more than 500% include: doxycycline, divalproex er,
4 azetazolamide, prednisolone, ursodiol, amitriptyline, allopurinol,
5 carbamazepine, nadolol, captopril, fluconazole, enalapril, and pravastatin
6 among others; and
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8 WHEREAS, these generic medications are used to treat a myriad of health
9 conditions, including: hypertension, seizure disorders, headaches,
10 depression, gout, bacterial infection, fungal infection, high cholesterol;
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13 WHEREAS, as a result of these uncontrolled increases, individual
14 Arkansans, insurers and self-insured employers have experienced an increase
15 in the cost of their prescription medications,
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17 NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 THAT the House of Representatives:

22 (1) Encourages the United States Congress to continue its
23 investigation into the dramatic increases in the costs of these medications;

24 (2) Urges the Food and Drug Administration to review potential
25 onerous federal regulations that prevent new generic pharmaceutical
26 manufacturers from obtaining timely approval of their generic medications;
27 and

28 (3) Encourages the Food and Drug Administration to review
29 existing federal regulations that may make it difficult for new generic
30 pharmaceutical companies to enter the United States market, which reduces the
31 total number of suppliers and may result in increased generic prescription
32 medication costs for Arkansans.
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