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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 ENCOURAGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE
9 UNITED STATES CONGRESS, AND THE ARKANSAS
10 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO VOTE TO REPEAL THE
11 PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.
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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
23 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was passed less
27 than one year ago with the support of the Obama administration in a largely
28 party-line vote; and
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30 WHEREAS, the result of the act may be to create a government takeover
31 of the health care industry that will increase health care costs, raise
32 taxes, hurt senior citizens, destroy jobs, reduce the quality of care that
33 Americans will receive, restrict consumer choice, drive individuals away from
34 purchasing private insurance, and reduce the ability of American companies to
35 compete; and
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1 WHEREAS, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the act could
2 cause 10 million Americans who receive health insurance through their
3 employer to lose their health insurance; in addition, the Congressional
4 Budget Office reports that premiums in the non-group market may increase
5 between ten and thirteen percent as a result of the act; and
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7 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas is expected to fall short of its
8 contributions to the Arkansas Medicaid Program by the year 2013 by between
9 sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) and eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000),
10 unless changes are made to the program; and
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12 WHEREAS, the act may increase taxes on employers deemed not to be
13 offering adequate insurance and taxes on investment income, which would
14 reduce the capital available for job expansion, reduce economic growth, and
15 result in fewer jobs for Americans; and
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17 WHEREAS, the act could harm senior citizens by cutting \$500 billion
18 from Medicare, causing 8.5 million senior citizens to lose the health
19 insurance they currently have; and
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21 WHEREAS, on January 19, 2011, Arkansas's four (4) members of the United
22 States House of Representatives voted to repeal the act,
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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
26 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 THAT the President of the United States, the United States Congress,
29 and the Arkansas Congressional Delegation are encouraged to vote to repeal
30 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon its adoption the Secretary of the
33 Senate distribute a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
34 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
35 States House of Representatives, and each member of the Arkansas
36 Congressional Delegation.