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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 214

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITNEY

HEALTH CARE: Memorializes the United States Congress to repeal the Affordable Care

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to repeal
3	the Affordable Care Act in its entirety.
4	WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act consists of the following Acts of Congress,
5	collectively:
6	(1) The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which originated as H.R. 3590
7	in the One Hundred Eleventh United States Congress and became Public Law No. 111-148.
8	(2) The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, which originated as H.R.
9	4872 in the One Hundred Eleventh United States Congress and became Public Law No.
10	111-152; and
11	WHEREAS, serious problems with the Affordable Care Act, referred to hereafter as
12	the "ACA", were evident from the time it was introduced as a bill, as illustrated in part by
13	the statement of the speaker of the United States House of Representatives presiding at the
14	time indicating that congress would have to pass the bill in order for the public to find out
15	what is in it; and
16	WHEREAS, every major aspect of the ACA has proven highly controversial and has
17	caused deep divisions among leaders who seek to institute needed reforms in our nation's
18	health care system; and
19	WHEREAS, implementation of the ACA has been a greater challenge than the
20	federal government can manage, as evidenced most notably by serious technical problems
21	and delays associated with the rollout of the HealthCare.gov website that impeded

1 enrollment in coverage by the very persons that the law required to do so, with problems 2 persisting up to and including the final day by which persons were required to enroll or face 3 a financial penalty; and 4 WHEREAS, estimates cited by the current Speaker of the United States House of Representatives indicate that as a result of the ACA's mandates, the health insurance policies 5 6 of between five million and six million Americans, the vast majority of whom are employed, 7 have been canceled; and 8 WHEREAS, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that the 9 subsidies the ACA provides for health coverage will discourage Americans from working, 10 and will cause approximately two million five hundred thousand employees to leave the 11 labor force: and 12 WHEREAS, other persons whom the ACA will negatively impact are our nation's 13 senior citizens, as the law will cut over seven hundred billion dollars from Medicare over 14 ten years and redirect those funds to finance an array of new entitlements mandated by the 15 law; and 16 WHEREAS, because the ACA has been a troubled law since the time it was enacted, 17 fully repealing this law would be a responsible and prudent action by the present congress. 18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 19 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to repeal the 20 Affordable Care Act in its entirety. 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 22 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the

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United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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