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Expressing support for health and wellness coaches.

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Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CÁRDENAS, and Mr. DEFAZIO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for health and wellness coaches.

Whereas lifestyle-related chronic diseases are at the heart of the current health care crisis in the United States;

Whereas the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has deemed chronic disease “the public health challenge of the 21st century”;

Whereas decades of research have linked lifestyle factors, such as inactivity, poor diet, tobacco smoking, and sustained stress, with increased risk for major illnesses and death;

Whereas attempts to reduce these lifestyle-related chronic diseases and costs have proven to be financially unsustainable within a system that rewards hospitalizations and invasive procedures;

Whereas incentives for interventions and technologies that achieve desired outcomes such as outpatient care, risk management, patient support, and health coaching should be encouraged;

Whereas a large gap exists between health care provider recommendations and sustainable health-related behavior change;

Whereas health coaches are a new type of health care worker who serve as wellness guides and supportive mentors that motivate individuals to cultivate positive health choices and move them toward those specific goals;

Whereas health coaches serve a vital role in improving an individual's wellness that complements and does not replace the work of health care professionals; and

Whereas there are an increasing number of studies that show the effectiveness of health and wellness coaches in improving individual health and wellness and reducing health care costs: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the efforts of health and wellness coaches of the United
- 3 States on their important work to improve the health and
- 4 wellness of the Nation.

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