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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, There are over five million individuals living  
3 with a pre-existing condition, over two million individuals  
4 enrolled in Medicare, and 3.2 million individuals enrolled in  
5 Medicaid in Illinois; and

6           WHEREAS, Attorneys General from 18 states, along with two  
7 governors, have filed suit in the United States District Court  
8 for the Northern District of Texas and obtained a ruling that  
9 the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is unconstitutional; and

10           WHEREAS, This ruling, if upheld by a higher court, would  
11 threaten the health and insurance coverage of millions of  
12 Illinoisans; it would cause consumer protections to vanish  
13 overnight and would unleash chaos in our health care system;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Specifically, the over five million people in  
16 Illinois living with pre-existing conditions like cancer,  
17 asthma, or diabetes could face exorbitantly high rates or be  
18 denied coverage all together; and

19           WHEREAS, Over 650,000 people in Illinois could lose their  
20 health care coverage through the forced repeal of the Medicaid  
21 expansion, the continued attacks on the Medicaid program by

1 the Trump administration through provisions such as the work  
2 requirement, and the potential loss of tax credit subsidies on  
3 the Marketplace for over 280,000 Illinoisans; and

4 WHEREAS, Improvements to Medicare, including reduced costs  
5 for prescription drugs, would vanish; and

6 WHEREAS, The rulings in this lawsuit could strip away  
7 other consumer protections enshrined within the law and  
8 beloved by the public, including Essential Health Benefits  
9 (e.g., prescription drugs, substance use treatment, maternity  
10 care) and the prohibitions on charging women or older adults  
11 more for the same policy as men or younger people; the rulings  
12 could also eliminate out-of-pocket expenses for many  
13 preventive services and protections allowing young people  
14 under the age of 26 to stay on a parent's health plan; and

15 WHEREAS, Illinoisans have shown their support of the ACA,  
16 including maintaining the ACA's protection for pre-existing  
17 conditions; and

18 WHEREAS, Instead of actively working to gut health  
19 coverage and pre-existing condition protections, Congress and  
20 the Biden Administration should focus on helping people gain  
21 access to health care coverage that they and their families  
22 need to stay healthy; and

1           WHEREAS, The ACA and Medicaid support our State in  
2 assuring "the health, safety and welfare of the people",  
3 "legal, social and economic justice", and "opportunity for the  
4 fullest development of the individual", all of which are  
5 ordained intentions of our state government noted in the  
6 Preamble of the Illinois Constitution; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we affirm our support for the Affordable Care Act and the  
10 Medicaid program; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That removing the protections of the ACA will  
12 have devastating consequences for personal health, family  
13 health, and community health in addition to raising health  
14 care costs, lowering health care access, and giving special  
15 tax breaks to the wealthy; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.  
18 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the  
19 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives  
20 Minority Leader, and all members of the Illinois Congressional  
21 Delegation.