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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was signed into law on March 23, 2010, signifying a historic change in access to health care in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act expands health coverage options through health insurance marketplaces and Medicaid, allowing consumers more affordable and comprehensive coverage options; and

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WHEREAS, Governor Pat Quinn issued Executive Order #2010-12 establishing the Health Care Reform Implementation Council, which was charged with making recommendations to assist the State in establishing a State Based Marketplace, establish consumer protections reforms, reform Medicaid, assure high quality care, and adopt the use of electronic medical records; and

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WHEREAS, A State Based Marketplace was the unanimous recommendation of the Health Care Reform Implementation Council; after holding hearings throughout Illinois, businesses, labor, consumers, and insurers agreed that a State exchange was preferable to a Federally Facilitated Marketplace; and

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1 WHEREAS, The General Assembly passed and Governor Quinn
2 signed Public Act 97-0412 in 2011, the Illinois Health Benefits
3 Exchange Law, establishing the intent for Illinois to operate a
4 State Based Marketplace for individuals and small businesses
5 and creating a Legislative Study Committee on the subject; and

6 WHEREAS, Based on Public Act 97-0312 and the recommendation
7 of the Health Care Reform Implementation Council, Governor
8 Quinn submitted his intent to the Department of Health and
9 Human Services for Illinois to function in a partnership
10 capacity with the Federally Facilitated Marketplace until the
11 State marketplace became operational; and

12 WHEREAS, Illinois has functioned as a State Partnership
13 Marketplace since October 1, 2013, branding the campaign as Get
14 Covered Illinois, and enrolling more than 217,000 people in the
15 Federal Health Insurance Marketplace by working with many
16 partners across the State; and

17 WHEREAS, Some state-based marketplaces have functioned
18 well (generally accepted as including Connecticut, Kentucky,
19 New York, and California) and others have functioned poorly
20 (commonly considered as including Oregon and Maryland); and

21 WHEREAS, States with poorly functioning marketplaces are
22 exploring the utilization of the IT platform from states with

1 smoothly operating marketplaces; and

2 WHEREAS, The state of Maryland has concluded that costs of
3 adopting the IT platform from Kentucky and Connecticut are
4 greatly reduced compared to the costs of constructing a new
5 state marketplace and would provide a well-functioning state
6 marketplace with much less risk in a shorter period of time;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 the Governor's Office of Health Innovation and Transformation,
11 in collaboration with the Illinois Health Insurance
12 Marketplace, is requested to assess the experiences of State
13 Based Marketplaces during their first year of operation and
14 identify those states whose marketplaces worked as intended and
15 whose IT platforms would be compatible with the State's
16 Medicaid Integrated Eligibility System and could serve as the
17 technological base for an Illinois state-based marketplace;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we urge the Governor's Office of Health
20 Innovation and Transformation to submit the results of the
21 assessment to the House of Representatives by November 10,
22 2014, for its consideration of options for maintaining the
23 federally-facilitated marketplace or developing a State Based

1 Marketplace that meets the needs of Illinois while federal
2 funding for state-based marketplaces is still available.