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A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

To urge the Congress of the United States, and in 1
particular the Ohio Congressional delegation, to 2
support the preservation of the Patient Protection and 3
Affordable Care Act of 2010. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the Patient 5
Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA); and 6

WHEREAS, The enactment of this legislation represented over 7
sixty years of struggle to extend healthcare coverage to tens of 8
millions of Americans without insurance due to age, poverty, 9
employers that do not offer insurance, disability, or pre- 10
existing medical conditions, which was a population estimated at 11
forty-six million in 2009; and 12

WHEREAS, The ACA has resulted in an unprecedented drop in 13
the uninsured rate, from 15.7% prior to the ACA's enactment to 14
8.6% in the first quarter of 2016; and 15

WHEREAS, The Congressional Budget Office has determined 16
that the ACA will contribute in the long term to a reduced 17
federal deficit; and 18

WHEREAS, The implementation of the ACA and the Medicaid expansion has resulted in over seven hundred thousand Ohioans receiving health insurance and access to health care; and

WHEREAS, The Medicaid expansion has had a substantial, positive impact on mental health treatment, the opioid epidemic, and infant mortality in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The enactment of this legislation is of particular significance for people of color who represent one-third of the total population of the United States but constitute half of the uninsured population, as they are more likely to be unemployed, under-employed, have low-paying jobs, or work for employers that do not offer health insurance, all of which pose significant barriers in gaining access to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, The ACA has extended the solvency of the Medicare trust fund, which covers forty-eight million elderly and disabled Americans; and

WHEREAS, The ACA has enacted reforms that add to the overall health and well-being of millions of Americans, including prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions for adults, the establishment of state health insurance exchanges, requiring coverage of dependents under their parents' plans until age twenty-six, and prohibiting policy annual and lifetime expenditure caps; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the President of the United States and Congress to support and maintain the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the

United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States	50
House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional	51
delegation, and the news media of Ohio.	52