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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of Congress who participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) should be automatically enrolled in the public plan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of Congress who participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) should be automatically enrolled in the public plan.

Whereas the House of Representatives is considering the establishment of a new public plan to be offered as a choice within the Health Insurance Exchange;

Whereas the goal of the public plan is to compete with private plans in order to improve quality, expand choice, and contain costs within the healthcare system in the United States;

Whereas the public plan and its benefits are deemed sufficient to meet the healthcare needs of the people in the United States and eventually serve as the minimum quality standard for all health plans;

Whereas in order to comply with PAYGO rules, the House is considering increasing personal income taxes to offset new costs associated with healthcare legislation; and

Whereas Members of Congress should be held accountable for their decision to create a public plan and restructure the healthcare system for the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 representatives that—

3 (1) Members of Congress who participate in the
4 Federal Employees Health Benefits Program
5 (FEHBP) should be automatically enrolled in the
6 public plan; and

7 (2) Members of Congress should be subject to
8 any personal income tax increases levied as a result
9 of healthcare legislation, regardless of their annual
10 gross income.

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