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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 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

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RESOLUTION

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Whereas the House of Representatives is considering as a part of its healthcare legislation, the establishment of a new public health insurance option to be offered as a plan choice within the Health Insurance Exchange;

Whereas the goal of the public health insurance option 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 health insurance option 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 accessing a surtax on modified adjusted gross income to offset new costs associated with healthcare legislation;

Whereas the House of Representatives is considering a requirement on employers to provide health insurance coverage to their employees; and

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

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) Members of Congress who participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) should be automatically enrolled in the public health insurance option;

(2) Members of Congress whose individual or joint modified adjusted gross incomes falls below the minimum amounts at which a surtax is imposed, shall be subject to a one percent surtax; and

(3) Members' Campaign Committees should be required to provide health insurance coverage to their employees.

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