

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1050

By: Bengé of the House

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7 A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to
8 provide health care programs to elderly, uninsured
9 and low-income individuals by implementing block
10 grants to the states; and directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has worked diligently and
12 effectively in order to make health care available to its neediest
13 citizens, including uninsured, low-income, and elderly individuals;
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15 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has demonstrated commitment to
16 its elderly through the creation of the ADvantage Program, which
17 allows certain Medicaid-eligible individuals to stay at home instead
18 of utilizing institutional care; and

19 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has created an extremely
20 successful public/private partnership in order to meet the needs of
21 the uninsured; and

22 WHEREAS, this partnership, called "Insure Oklahoma", currently
23 enrolls over 30,000 low-income working adults and college students;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma serves certain low-income
2 individuals through the state's "SoonerCare" program; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2009, over 800,000 individuals were served through
4 this program; and

5 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma will face future challenges
6 relating to the rising costs of health care and an increase in its
7 aging population; and

8 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma should be allowed to create new
9 ways in the future to provide health care solutions for its
10 citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, block grant experiences have historically revealed
12 individual states to be sophisticated and efficient when given
13 discretion over social programs; and

14 WHEREAS, block grants can reduce state and local compliance
15 costs, eliminate waste, reduce federal administrative costs, and
16 make state and local officials directly accountable to their
17 constituents; and

18 WHEREAS, it is desirable for the State of Oklahoma to assume the
19 responsibility for health care programs for uninsured, low-income,
20 and elderly individuals through the implementation of block grants.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
23 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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