

HCR 1050

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Concurrent Resolution No. 1050

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1050 - By: BENGE of the House.

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

1 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has worked diligently and effectively in order to
2 make health care available to its neediest citizens, including uninsured, low-income, and
3 elderly individuals; and

4 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has demonstrated commitment to its elderly
5 through the creation of the ADvantage Program, which allows certain Medicaid-eligible
6 individuals to stay at home instead of utilizing institutional care; and

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

9 WHEREAS, this partnership, called “Insure Oklahoma”, currently enrolls over
10 30,000 low-income working adults and college students; and

11 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma serves certain low-income individuals through
12 the state’s “SoonerCare” program; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2009, over 800,000 individuals were served through this program;
14 and

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

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

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

7 WHEREAS, block grants can reduce state and local compliance costs, eliminate
8 waste, reduce federal administrative costs, and make state and local officials directly
9 accountable to their constituents; and

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

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA
15 LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature memorializes the Congress of the United
17 States to provide health care programs for the uninsured, low-income, and elderly
18 individuals by implementing block grants to the states.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to each member of the Oklahoma
20 Congressional Delegation.

21 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.