

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1050

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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.

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

20 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has created an extremely
21 successful public/private partnership in order to meet the needs of
22 the uninsured; and
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1 WHEREAS, this partnership, called "Insure Oklahoma", currently
2 enrolls over 30,000 low-income working adults and college students;
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4 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma serves certain low-income
5 individuals through the state's "SoonerCare" program; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2009, over 800,000 individuals were served through
7 this program; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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