

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1041

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7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   A Resolution disapproving certain rule; urging  
9 Congress to adopt laws nullifying its effect; and  
10 directing distribution.

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13           WHEREAS, on January 20, 2012, the U.S. Department of Health and  
14 Human Services ("HHS"), under the direction and influence of the  
15 Obama administration, issued a final rule that requires that health  
16 insurance plans, including those of religious institutions, "cover  
17 preventive services for women including recommended contraceptive  
18 services without charging a copay, coinsurance or a deductible"; and

19           WHEREAS, HHS's rule further states that plans must cover the  
20 "full range of the Institute of Medicine's recommended preventive  
21 services, including all FDA-approved forms of contraception"; and  
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1       WHEREAS, the FDA's list of approved methods of contraception  
2 includes abortifacients, which are abortion drugs prescribed to kill  
3 life in the womb after conception; and

4       WHEREAS, this new mandate sets a dangerous precedent for  
5 American democracy and undermines the U.S. Constitution; and

6       WHEREAS, this mandate is a wholesale assault on the specific  
7 protections of religious liberties afforded to all Americans by the  
8 First Amendment, which states "Congress shall make no law respecting  
9 an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise  
10 thereof".

11       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
12 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives disapproves of the  
14 final rule issued by HHS on January 20, 2012, that requires that  
15 health insurance plans, including those of religious institutions,  
16 cover preventive services for women including recommended  
17 contraceptive services without charging a copay, coinsurance or a  
18 deductible.

19       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges Congress to  
20 adopt laws which would nullify the effect of such rule.

21       THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to President  
22 Barack Obama, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius,  
23 and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON XXXXX, dated XX-XX-XXXX - DO PASS,  
As Amended and Coauthored.

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
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