

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
JOINT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 8

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3 Shortey, Crain, Anderson,
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4 Stanislowski, Marlatt,
Schulz, Newberry, Brecheen,
5 Simpson, Sykes, Jolley,
Barrington, Brown, Fields,
6 Justice, Griffin, Johnson
(Rob), Shaw, Ford,
7 Loveless, Brooks, Boggs and
Sharp of the Senate

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9 and

Shannon of the House
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12 A Joint Resolution memorializing the President, Vice-
President and Congress to eliminate or reform
13 specified aspects of the Patient Protection and
Affordable Care Act; and directing distribution.
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16 WHEREAS, Oklahomans are concerned about the impact of taxes
17 created in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on
18 Oklahoma businesses and consumers; and

19 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act taxes fall hardest on fully-
20 insured market consumers, most notably small businesses; and

21 WHEREAS, it is estimated that as much as 98 percent of
22 Oklahoma's businesses are small businesses with fewer than 100
23 employees; and
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1 WHEREAS, Congressional reports state that a very large portion
2 of the tax will be borne by consumers in the form of a 2 to 2.5
3 percent premium increase by 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act tax may cause insurance
5 premiums to increase by as much as 3.7 percent by 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, such an increase in insurance premiums will mean an
7 increase of \$2,800 per individual and \$5,000 per family over the
8 next decade; and

9 WHEREAS, such insurance premium increases may cause younger,
10 healthier Oklahomans to abandon coverage; and

11 WHEREAS, spiraling costs within the fully-insured market will
12 likely result in even higher costs, fewer product options and
13 decreased consumer choice.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

16 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature respectfully requests the
17 President, Vice-President and Congress of the United States to work
18 to eliminate or reform the Affordable Care Act's health insurance
19 tax and other Affordable Care Act taxes that create higher costs,
20 reduce jobs, and decrease consumer choice.

21 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President
22 and Vice President of the United States, the Clerk of the United
23 States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United
24 States Senate.

1 Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2013.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2013.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House
10 of Representatives