

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 12, 2013

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE JOINT
5 RESOLUTION NO. 8

6 By: Bingman, Dahm, David, Treat
7 and Brinkley of the Senate

8 and

9 Shannon of the House

10 **[memorializing the President, Vice-President and
11 Congress - Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
12 - directing distribution]**

13 WHEREAS, Oklahomans are concerned about the impact of taxes
14 created in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on
15 Oklahoma businesses and consumers; and

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

18 WHEREAS, it is estimated that as much as 98 percent of
19 Oklahoma's businesses are small businesses with fewer than 100
20 employees; and

21 WHEREAS, Congressional reports state that a very large portion
22 of the tax will be borne by consumers in the form of a 2 to 2.5
23 percent premium increase by 2016, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President
19 and Vice President of the United States, the Clerk of the United
20 States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United
21 States Senate.

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
23 February 12, 2013 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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