

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 JOINT
6 RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Bingman, Dahm, David, Treat,
Brinkley, Allen, Shortey, Crain,
Anderson, Halligan, Standridge,
Holt, Stanislawski, Marlatt,
Schulz, Newberry, Brecheen,
Simpson, Sykes, Jolley,
Barrington, Brown, Fields,
Justice, Griffin, Johnson (Rob),
Shaw, Ford, Loveless, Brooks,
Boggs and Sharp of the Senate

and

Shannon and Ritze of the House

14 A Joint Resolution memorializing the President, Vice-
15 President and Congress to eliminate or reform
16 specified aspects of the Patient Protection and
Affordable Care Act; and directing distribution.

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19 WHEREAS, Oklahomans are concerned about the impact of taxes
20 created in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on
21 Oklahoma businesses and consumers; and

22 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act taxes fall hardest on fully-
23 insured market consumers, most notably small businesses; and
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1 WHEREAS, it is estimated that as much as 98 percent of
2 Oklahoma's businesses are small businesses with fewer than 100
3 employees; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President
2 and Vice President of the United States, the Clerk of the United
3 States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United
4 States Senate.

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 03/27/2013 -
7 DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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