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Expressing the sense of the Congress that any health care reform legislation that is enacted should require a Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress and any individual holding a position in levels I through III of the Executive Schedule to enroll in a health plan offering the standard benefit package.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 1993

Ms. BYRNE (for herself, Mr. COPPERSMITH, and Mr. MORAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Post Office and Civil Service

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, in the near future, the Congress likely will consider health care reform legislation that would establish a standard benefit package to be offered to most health plan enrollees in the United States;

Whereas such standard benefit package probably will be designed in a manner that makes it affordable to an average health plan enrollee;

Whereas such health care reform legislation likely will permit individuals and employers to purchase coverage for items and services that are not in the standard benefit package only by purchasing a supplemental benefit policy at an additional cost;

Whereas such health care reform legislation may limit the deductibility for Federal tax purposes of expenditures for supplemental benefits;

Whereas Federal officials who determine the health care policy of the United States should not require an average health plan enrollee to obtain health care through a system from which such officials are exempt;

Whereas a Member of Congress who enrolls in a health plan that offers the standard benefit package in the State or congressional district from which the Member was elected can identify and work to resolve both national problems with the benefit package and local problems with the plan such as deficiencies in quality or insufficient access to care; and

Whereas public disclosure of the health plans in which Members of Congress and senior officials in the executive branch are enrolled would make health plans, health care providers, and health plan enrollees aware of the stake that such Members and officials have in the quality and efficiency of health plans: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that any
- 3 health care reform legislation that is enacted should re-

1 quire a Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resi-
2 dent Commissioner to, the Congress and any individual
3 holding a position in levels I through III of the Executive
4 Schedule—

5 (1) to enroll in a health plan offering the stand-
6 ard benefit package; and

7 (2) to disclose publicly on an annual basis the
8 health plan in which they are enrolled.

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