

Reps. Gregory, Hammel, Roy Schmidt, Lemmons, Donigan, Huckleberry, Robert Jones, Clemente, Liss, Womack, Constan, Slavens, Miller, Polidori, LeBlanc, Dean, Lori, Ball, Bauer, Terry Brown, Cushingberry, Durhal, Geiss, Gonzales, Leland, Lipton, Neumann, Sheltroun, Spade, Stanley, Switalski and Valentine offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 58.

A resolution to memorialize Michigan's congressional delegation to take the lead in creating an American solution to our nation's health care crisis.

Whereas, At least 47 million Americans have no health insurance. Each year, 18,000 die due to lack of health care. Both these numbers are rising each year; and

Whereas, Millions more of the Americans with health insurance are challenged today by higher premium costs, co-pays, and deductions; the possible loss of their employer-based insurance; or the realization that they are a single incident or illness away from bankruptcy; and

Whereas, Many small businesses would like to provide health coverage for their employees but cannot afford to do so. Larger businesses, such as our own Michigan-based auto companies, find it increasingly difficult to compete globally with companies based in countries that already have national health care; and

Whereas, Fixing the overall health care system is critical to the strength of our nation's economy and to the viability of Medicare and Medicaid; and

Whereas, While good health begins with personal responsibility, any one of us can do everything right and still fall victim to a devastating illness or debilitating injury; and

Whereas, Every American believes we are all endowed by our Creator with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. However, this central tenet becomes a broken pledge if people are denied the basic health care to sustain a long and productive life; and

Whereas, America can no longer afford to ignore our health care issues nor punt them to the next administration or generation to solve; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Michigan's congressional delegation to take the lead in creating an American solution to our nation's health care crisis. This solution ought to be one that leaves no American behind by providing affordable, accessible, comprehensive and quality health care for all; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.