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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14
2 BY HOGG, DANDEKAR, RASMUSSEN, MURPHY, WENDT, HUNTER,
3 WHITEAD, CONNORS, FALLON, OLDSON, FREVERT, MERTZ,
4 MILLER, KUHN, WILDERDYKE, STRUYK, WINCKLER, LENSING,
5 HEDDENS, SCHICKEL, WHITAKER, D. OLSON, SMITH, SWAIM,
6 GASKILL, FOEGE, MASCHER, and MYERS

7 A Concurrent Resolution relating to federal Medicare
8 program reimbursement.

9 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Medicare and
10 Medicaid Services of the United States Department of
11 Health and Human Services, the federal Medicare
12 program reimbursement to Iowa hospitals was the lowest
13 of all states in 2001 with an average per enrollee
14 reimbursement amount of \$3,414, which was 57 percent
15 of the national average of \$5,994; and

16 WHEREAS, Louisiana received the highest average per
17 enrollee reimbursement amount under the federal
18 Medicare program in 2001 of \$8,099, which was 137
19 percent higher than Iowa's average per enrollee
20 reimbursement amount; and

21 WHEREAS, the average per enrollee reimbursement
22 amount under the federal Medicare program among the
23 six states that border Iowa was \$5,116 in 2001, which
24 was 50 percent higher than Iowa's average
25 reimbursement amount; and

26 WHEREAS, the quality of care provided by Iowa's
27 hospitals is ranked among the best in the nation; and

28 WHEREAS, health facilities are highly dependent
29 upon the reimbursement levels established by the
30 centers for Medicare and Medicaid of the United States

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1 Department of Health and Human Services; and

2 WHEREAS, the low reimbursement provided under the
3 federal Medicare program to Iowa hospitals has a
4 widespread effect on the entire economy of Iowa and
5 creates a competitive disadvantage for Iowa especially
6 compared with bordering states; and

7 WHEREAS, Iowa has a respected and influential
8 Congressional delegation including Senator Charles
9 Grassley, who serves as chairman of the United States
10 Senate Finance Committee, and Representative Jim
11 Nussle, who serves as chairman of the United States
12 House Budget Committee; NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
15 encourages Iowa's congressional delegation to work
16 together to substantially increase the federal
17 Medicare reimbursement rate to Iowa health care
18 providers to ensure that the reimbursement rate is at
19 least the same as the average reimbursement rate to
20 the six states that surround Iowa; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
22 Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of
23 Representatives to the President of the United States,
24 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
25 of the United States House of Representatives, and to
26 all members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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