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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6
2 BY GIPP, MYERS, ALONS, ARNOLD, BAUDLER, BELL,
3 BERRY, BOAL, BODDICKER, BOGGESS, BUKTA, CARROLL,
4 CHAMBERS, CONNORS, DANDEKAR, DE BOEF, DENNIS,
5 DIX, DOLECHECK, DRAKE, EICHHORN, FALLON, FOEGE,
6 FREEMAN, FREVERT, GASKILL, GRANZOW,
7 GREIMANN, GREINER, HAHN, B. HANSEN, D. HANSON,
8 HEATON, HEDDENS, HOFFMAN, HOGG, HORBACH, HUSEMAN,
9 HUSER, HUTTER, JACOBS, JOCHUM, JONES, KLEMME,
10 KRAMER, KURTENBACH, LALK, LENSING, LUKAN, LYKAM,
11 MANTERNACH, MASCHER, MCCARTHY, MILLER, MURPHY,
12 OLDSON, D. OLSON, S. OLSON, OSTERHAUS, PAULSEN,
13 PETERSEN, RAECKER, RAYHONS, REASONER, ROBERTS,
14 SANDS, SCHICKEL, SMITH, STEVENS, STRUYK, SWAIM,
15 D. TAYLOR, T. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TJEPKES, TYMESON,
16 UPMEYER, VAN ENGELENHOVEN, J. K. VAN FOSSEN,
17 J. R. VAN FOSSEN, WATTS, WENDT, WHITAKER,
18 WILDERDYKE, and WINCKLER
19 A Concurrent Resolution relating to the federal Medicare
20 program and requesting assistance from the federal
21 government.
22 WHEREAS, the federal Medicare program provides
23 health care coverage for more than 485,000 Iowa senior
24 citizens and disabled persons; and
25 WHEREAS, all Americans equally contribute payroll
26 taxes to fund the federal Medicare program; and
27 WHEREAS, Iowa has a disproportionately large number
28 of federal Medicare enrollees, making Iowa health care
29 providers particularly dependent on federal Medicare
30 payments as a revenue source; and

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1 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Medicare and
2 Medicaid Services of the United States Department of
3 Health and Human Services, Iowa hospitals provide the
4 eighth highest quality care of any state in the
5 nation; and

6 WHEREAS, the current federal Medicare funding
7 formula has created inequitable payments, leaving Iowa
8 with the lowest per-enrollee payment level in the
9 nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Iowa's unfairly low federal Medicare
11 payments are a drain on Iowa's economy, costing the
12 state of Iowa approximately \$1 billion annually in
13 Medicare reimbursement funding that could aid in the
14 payment of health care costs of Medicare-eligible
15 residents; and

16 WHEREAS, Iowa's unfairly low federal Medicare
17 payments make it difficult to recruit physicians,
18 nurses, and other health care professionals, who are
19 in great demand throughout Iowa and the nation; and

20 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has the
21 authority to pass legislation to address Iowa's
22 Medicare equity concerns; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
24 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly of the
25 State of Iowa urges the United States Congress to pass
26 legislation that addresses Iowa's Medicare equity
27 concerns; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
29 Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of
30 Representatives to the President of the United States,

1 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
2 of the United States House of Representatives, and to
3 all members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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