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H. RES. 876

Expressing that the House of Representatives recognizes the rising cost of health care and encourages greater patient empowerment, choice, and responsibility in health care decisions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 16, 2006

Mr. PRICE of Georgia (for himself and Mr. DEAL of Georgia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Americans deserve high-quality, reasonably priced, reliable health care;

Whereas Americans deserve the security of knowing that health care will be available when they need it;

Whereas since 2004 more than 3,000,000 Americans have enrolled in health savings accounts;

Whereas health savings accounts are helping to make health insurance more affordable for individuals and companies while providing greater choice and flexibility;

Whereas medical providers and insurance companies who disclose information about prices and quality prior to the time of service or treatment help Americans become more knowledgeable regarding personal health care decisions;

Whereas Congress is working to expand the use of health information technology to lower costs, reduce medical errors, and improve quality of care;

Whereas reforming the current medical liability system to create a fairer and more just system will provide patients with meritorious claims a more efficient and predictable compensation process for their economic losses, and will reduce frivolous lawsuits against physicians and other health care providers which otherwise would increase the cost of health care for everyone; and

Whereas fundamental insurance reform will allow small businesses the opportunity to join together to offer more affordable health insurance to employees, thereby increasing the number of insured Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the increasing cost of the current
3 health care system; and

4 (2) understands that any reforms in the health
5 care system that provide for greater patient em-
6 powerment, choice, and responsibility are positive re-
7 forms for all Americans.

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