

1 **State of Arkansas**
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4 **By: Representative Pollan**

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 URGING THE FEDERAL HEALTH TASK FORCE TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER
9 THE REFORM SOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN THE ARKANSAS PLAN FOR
10 FEDERAL HEALTH CARE REFORM.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 URGING THE FEDERAL HEALTH TASK FORCE TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER
14 THE ARKANSAS PLAN FOR FEDERAL HEALTH CARE REFORM.

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16 WHEREAS, the Federal Health Task Force appointed by President Bill
17 Clinton and led by First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, is formulating National
18 Health Care Reform; and

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20 WHEREAS, many of the solutions to health care reform can be found at the
21 community and state level; and

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23 WHEREAS, access to health care for all Americans at an affordable cost
24 is a prime concern to the citizens of Arkansas; and

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26 WHEREAS, federal antitrust laws should be rewritten to allow medical
27 societies, other health care provider professional associations, and state
28 licensure boards to regulate themselves by setting professional standards and
29 enforcing sanctions against health care providers who put their own financial
30 gain above the well being of their patients; and

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32 WHEREAS, legal immunity should be restored to hospital medical staffs
33 and health care provider professional societies by changes in federal and
34 state law; and

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1 WHEREAS, "Hold-Harmless Clauses" that provide immunity for health care
2 providers who act in good faith in peer review activities should be enacted
3 throughout the nation; and

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5 WHEREAS, current Federal Trade Commission regulations should be modified
6 to prevent deceptive medical advertising; and

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8 WHEREAS, cost containment should be achieved through reducing
9 administrative burdens on health care providers, attacking inefficiencies in
10 the health care delivery system, addressing over utilization, and eliminating
11 excessive charges and cost shifting; and

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13 WHEREAS, reforms should stress the cost savings inherent in prevention
14 and early detection of disease; and

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16 WHEREAS, trial models and phase-in plans for national health care reform
17 will require community and state support; and

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19 WHEREAS, the four-point plan, known as the Arkansas Plan for Federal
20 Health Care Reform, addresses the above concerns,

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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 THAT the Seventy-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas urges
28 the Federal Health Task Force to carefully consider the reform solutions
29 contained in the Arkansas Plan for Federal Health Care Reform, and requests
30 that the State of Arkansas be allowed to participate in trial models and
31 phase-in plans for national health care reform.

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