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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO  
9 INVESTIGATE THE INCREASES IN COST OF GENERIC  
10 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS; AND TO URGE THE FOOD AND  
11 DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO REVIEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS  
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24 WHEREAS, generic medications are prescription medications that are the  
25 same drug and strength as the more expensive brand name medication and that  
26 are produced by one or more companies after the expiration of the brand name  
27 medication's patent life; and

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29 WHEREAS, generic medications have historically provided low cost  
30 prescription drug alternatives to brand name medications; and

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32 WHEREAS, generic medications represent more than 80% of the  
33 prescription medications dispensed in the State of Arkansas; and

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35 WHEREAS, since early 2013, generic pharmaceutical manufacturers have  
36 been dramatically increasing the price of their medications; and



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2 WHEREAS, some of the medications that have been affected by a price  
3 increase of more than 500% include: doxycycline, divalproex er,  
4 azetazolamide, prednisolone, ursodiol, amitriptyline, allopurinol,  
5 carbamazepine, nadolol, captopril, fluconazole, enalapril, and pravastatin  
6 among others; and

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8 WHEREAS, these generic medications are used to treat a myriad of health  
9 conditions, including: hypertension, seizure disorders, headaches,  
10 depression, gout, bacterial infection, fungal infection, high cholesterol;  
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13 WHEREAS, as a result of these uncontrolled increases, individual  
14 Arkansans, insurers and self-insured employers have experienced an increase  
15 in the cost of their prescription medications,

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17 NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 THAT the House of Representatives:

22 (1) Encourages the United States Congress to continue its  
23 investigation into the dramatic increases in the costs of these medications;

24 (2) Urges the Food and Drug Administration to review potential  
25 onerous federal regulations that prevent new generic pharmaceutical  
26 manufacturers from obtaining timely approval of their generic medications;  
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28 (3) Encourages the Food and Drug Administration to review  
29 existing federal regulations that may make it difficult for new generic  
30 pharmaceutical companies to enter the United States market, which reduces the  
31 total number of suppliers and may result in increased generic prescription  
32 medication costs for Arkansans.

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