

1 [Commending Speaker Nancy Pelosi for Her Work on Health Care Reform]

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3 **Resolution commending Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi for her**  
4 **courage as a champion for historic health care reform in the United States.**

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6 WHEREAS, On March 21, 2010, the House of Representatives passed the Health  
7 Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010 in a 219-212 historic victory in the  
8 111th Congress to ensure quality, affordable, accessible health care for all Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, Once President Barack Obama signed this Act into law on March 23,  
10 2010, over 32 million Americans now will have access to affordable health care for the first  
11 time and all Americans will benefit from changes to the health care system; and

12 WHEREAS, It is because of the stewardship and vision of Speaker of the House Nancy  
13 Pelosi of San Francisco that this moment was possible; she has made history once again,  
14 after being the first woman to serve as Speaker of the House, she has now helped to reform  
15 the health care system in America, which takes its place in history beside the passage of  
16 Social Security and Medicare and continues the legacy of the late Senator Edward M.  
17 Kennedy and his lifelong fight on behalf of uninsured Americans; and

18 WHEREAS, Early in the health care reform debate, Speaker Pelosi praised the  
19 success of Healthy San Francisco, the nation's first municipal universal health care plan that  
20 allows uninsured San Franciscans access to medical care regardless of pre-existing  
21 conditions or ability to pay; San Francisco has been leading the way in health care reform and  
22 has begun to do what the nation is now trying to accomplish; and

23 WHEREAS, Speaker Pelosi has proven to be a strong, pragmatic leader, unifying her  
24 House Democratic caucus to pass this critical legislation; the health care legislation improves

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1 the Senate-passed bill to achieve three key goals - affordability for the middle class,  
2 accessibility for all Americans, and accountability for the insurance industry; and

3 WHEREAS, Speaker Pelosi seized this moment to fix health care in America; her  
4 courage of conviction has ensured that almost 95 percent of uninsured Americans now will be  
5 insured, coverage will be more affordable for all, Medicare will be strengthened to protect  
6 seniors, and new consumer protections will end discriminatory practices by insurance  
7 companies, including ending the days of being denied coverage because of a pre-existing  
8 conditions; and

9 WHEREAS, This reform will reduce the deficit by more than a trillion dollars over the  
10 next two decades; and

11 WHEREAS, Speaker Pelosi has been a champion for San Francisco and the nation;  
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Mayor of San Francisco and the San Francisco Board of  
14 Supervisors commend Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi for her  
15 courage as a champion for historic health care reform in the United States; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor of San Francisco and the San Francisco  
17 Board of Supervisors commends Speaker Pelosi for her commitment to making a positive  
18 impact in the lives of all San Franciscans and all Americans.

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