

1 [Urging the United States Congress to fund the Special Diabetes Program - 2014 to 2016]

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3 **Resolution urging the United States Congress to renew and fully fund the Special**
4 **Diabetes Program for 2014 to 2016.**

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6 WHEREAS, diabetes is a serious disease that affects the lives of nearly 26 million
7 Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, diabetes is a leading cause of kidney failure, a major risk factor for heart
9 disease and stroke and contributes to more than 230,000 deaths each year; and

10 WHEREAS, diabetes is estimated to cost our nation more than \$174 billion a year and
11 one out of three Medicare dollars is spent on people with diabetes; and

12 WHEREAS, the health costs of diabetes is expected to triple in the next 25 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the Federal Government is the only entity capable of managing a program
14 on the scope of the Special Diabetes Program; and

15 WHEREAS, a multi-year SDP funding extension is the only way to clear up uncertainty
16 over the SDP's future and avoid slowing or stopping promising research initiatives; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the people of the City and County of San Francisco by and through
19 its Board of Supervisors urges the United States Congress to renew and fully fund the SDP
20 program from 2014 to 2016 to continue to fight diabetes; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed
22 to forward a fully conformed copy of this resolution to the Congressional delegation
23 representing the City and County of San Francisco.

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