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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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