## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT.

WHEREAS, every person in Hawaii and in the United States deserves access to affordable, quality health care; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing crisis in health care in the United States, manifested by rising health care costs, increased premium costs, rising out-of-pocket expenses, decreased international business competitiveness, and massive layoffs; and

WHEREAS, the complex bureaucracy arising from our system of fragmented, for-profit, multi-payer system of health care financing consumes approximately thirty per cent of United States health care spending; and

WHEREAS, the increasing expense of Medicaid and the rising cost of insuring Hawaii's residents can best be met not by limiting benefits, but by expanding benefit services under a national, publicly-funded health insurance program; and

WHEREAS, United States Representative John Conyers has introduced H.R. 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, in the United States House of Representatives for the 110th Congress that would provide a universal, comprehensive, single-payer system of high quality national health insurance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the United States Congress is respectfully urged to enact H.R. 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, sponsored by Representative John Conyers in the United States House of Representatives for the 110th Congress; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

OFFERED BY:

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