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H. RES. 122

Expressing support for States to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act to close the Medicaid coverage gap.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Ms. ROSS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas more than 2,200,000 low-income, uninsured adults fall into the Medicaid coverage gap because State governments have been unable to reach a consensus on expansion;

Whereas closing the Medicaid coverage gap will reduce the national uninsured rate by nearly 10 percent;

Whereas closing the Medicaid coverage gap will generate upward of \$5,000,000,000 in revenue for State and local governments and nearly \$130,000,000,000 for the Federal Government to reinvest in our communities;

Whereas closing the Medicaid coverage gap will prevent hospital closures, particularly in rural areas that have seen more than 150 hospital closures in the last decade;

Whereas hospitals were 6 times less likely to close in States that expanded Medicaid between 2008 and 2016;

Whereas financial margins for hospitals improved by 33 percent because uncompensated care spending dropped following Medicaid expansion in the first 36 States to adopt it;

Whereas 39 States governed by both Democratic and Republican elected officials have already adopted Medicaid expansion;

Whereas it is unreasonable to expect an individual earning less than \$13,000 per year to afford health insurance, regardless of employment status;

Whereas 1 American who falls into the Medicaid coverage gap dies per day without access to lifesaving health care;

Whereas communities of color have been disproportionately disadvantaged by the failure to expand Medicaid and close the coverage gap; and

Whereas Congress has a responsibility to provide accessible, high-quality health care to all Americans regardless of socioeconomic status: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) urges the remaining 11 States that have yet
3 to expand Medicaid and close the Medicaid coverage
4 gap to do so;

1 (2) expresses support for H.R. 31, the COVER
2 Now Act, as a temporary measure to close the Med-
3 icaid coverage gap;

4 (3) recognizes the economic and health care
5 benefits of expanding Medicaid for hospitals, health
6 care workers, the low-income, nonelderly, uninsured
7 population in the coverage gap, and the labor mar-
8 ket; and

9 (4) will support the cause of expanding Med-
10 icaid to uninsured Americans in the coverage gap
11 unless and until the 11 nonexpansion States move
12 forward with expansion.

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