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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
 3 urging Congress to repeal the Patient Protection and
 4 Affordable Care Act and all tax provisions contained
 5 therein.

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 7 WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act,
 8 enacted in 2010, imposed twenty-one taxes on individuals,
 9 families, and employers, and

10 WHEREAS, taxes imposed by the Patient Protection and
 11 Affordable Care Act include the employer mandate and the
 12 individual mandate, which are enforced through the federal tax
 13 code; the health insurance tax; the "Cadillac plan" excise tax;
 14 new health care savings and pharmaceuticals taxes; investment
 15 taxes; and the medical device tax, and

16 WHEREAS, the tax provisions of the Patient Protection and
 17 Affordable Care Act represent a negative impact of hundreds of
 18 billions of dollars on the United States economy during the
 19 first 10 years after the law was enacted, and

20 WHEREAS, despite former President Obama's promise to not
 21 raise any tax on middle class families, the Patient Protection
 22 and Affordable Care Act includes many tax increases that impact
 23 households at all income levels, and

24 WHEREAS, in 2017, for example, "the reduction in the
 25 deductibility of catastrophic losses" provision is projected to

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26 | raise taxes on 13.8 million taxpaying families and individuals,
 27 | most of whom are middle class, and

28 | WHEREAS, the vast majority of the additional tax burden is
 29 | borne by consumers in the form of higher health care costs,
 30 | higher taxes, and decreased value of existing health plans and
 31 | savings accounts, and

32 | WHEREAS, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation, the
 33 | Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act imposed significant
 34 | and widespread tax increases on taxpayers earning less than
 35 | \$200,000 a year, despite former President Obama's promises that
 36 | the law would not do so, and

37 | WHEREAS, millions of Americans have seen their health
 38 | insurance plans canceled as a result of the onerous regulations
 39 | and mandates imposed by the Patient Protection and Affordable
 40 | Care Act, and

41 | WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act has
 42 | resulted in massive insurance premium increases, which adversely
 43 | impact household budgets and burdens both families and
 44 | businesses with enormous increases in deductibles, and

45 | WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act has
 46 | caused a rapid contraction of the health insurance marketplace
 47 | due to overregulation, thereby reducing competition in the
 48 | health care industry to the detriment of consumers and
 49 | eliminating consumer choice in health care coverage, and

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50 WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is
 51 collapsing, having been supported by the diversion of funds to
 52 pay for cost-sharing reductions that the Congress of the United
 53 States did not appropriate or the diversion of funds from the
 54 reinsurance program to pay for early expenditures under the act,
 55 NOW, THEREFORE,

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 57 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 59 That the Legislature of the State of Florida requests the
 60 Congress of the United States to permanently and fully repeal
 61 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and all tax
 62 increases imposed by the act.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
 64 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
 65 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
 66 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
 67 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.