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Recognizing the historic significance of Medicare on the 61st anniversary
of its enactment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MACKENZIE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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anniversary of its enactment.

Whereas Medicare was signed into law on July 30, 1965, by
President Lyndon B. Johnson and has provided health
insurance coverage to older Americans and individuals
with disabilities for 61 years;

Whereas Medicare has played a critical role in improving
health care affordability for older Americans and individ-
uals with disabilities by reducing out-of-pocket costs and
protecting beneficiaries from high medical expenses;

Whereas Medicare currently covers approximately 70,000,000
Americans, including 61,000,000 seniors aged 65 and
older and 7,000,000 individuals under the age of 65 with

long-term disabilities, representing roughly one in five Americans;

Whereas more than 10,000 Americans become newly eligible for Medicare each day upon reaching the age of 65;

Whereas Medicare enrollment has grown from approximately 19,000,000 beneficiaries in its first full year of operation in 1966 to more than 70,000,000 beneficiaries today, representing a more than 250 percent increase;

Whereas Medicare is projected to cover approximately 89,000,000 Americans within the next 30 years as the population ages;

Whereas Medicare Advantage has grown significantly in recent years, now covering approximately 54 percent of all Medicare beneficiaries, or 34,100,000 individuals, compared to 19 percent in 2007;

Whereas Medicare processes more than 3,300,000 claims per day, reflecting the program's scale and operational scope;

Whereas millions of health care providers, caregivers, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services personnel work to sustain the Medicare program and its beneficiaries nationwide; and

Whereas ensuring the long-term sustainability and solvency of the Medicare program is essential to preserving access to health care for current beneficiaries while strengthening the program for future generations of Americans:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commemorates the 61st anniversary of the

3 enactment of the Medicare program and recognizes

1 its historic role in providing health care security to
2 older Americans and individuals with disabilities;

3 (2) acknowledges the contributions of Medicare
4 in expanding access to health care, improving health
5 outcomes, and strengthening the financial security of
6 millions of American families; and

7 (3) honors the millions of health care providers,
8 caregivers, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
9 Services personnel whose work sustains the Medicare
10 program and its beneficiaries across the United
11 States.