

Senate Resolution 828

By: Senators McKoon of the 29th, Shafer of the 48th, Bethel of the 54th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Albers of the 56th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and condemning the effect of the Affordable Care Act on the American
2 Catholic Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act consists of individual mandate provisions that force
4 people to buy insurance or pay a penalty tax for not doing so; and

5 WHEREAS, the law entails that all health plans provide preventive services which now
6 include child vaccinations, physical check-ups, and other practical medical services that
7 some people do not want from time to time; and

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that the final rule on
9 preventive health services will ensure that women with health insurance coverage will have
10 access to full range of the Institute of Medicine's recommended preventive services,
11 including all FDA approved forms of contraception; and

12 WHEREAS, the mandate was not supposed to be enforced against the various services and
13 schools run by the American Catholic Church, but the Administration has since stated that
14 as of August 1, 2012, they must also comply with the new law; and

15 WHEREAS, the Catholic belief is that an unborn child is a fully-corporate, living human
16 being; and

17 WHEREAS, the Church states that abortion, kinetic or chemical, terminates the life of a
18 human being and violates the Sixth Commandment, making the Church morally culpable for
19 every abortion taking place under the insurance plan; and

20 WHEREAS, the American Catholic Church is reaching out in an attempt to hold onto their
21 First Amendment rights, as well as their belief and religion.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize and condemn the effects on the American Catholic Church by the Affordable Care
24 Act's newly mandated law.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.