

## House Resolution 389

By: Representatives Atwood of the 179<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>, Channell of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Harden of the 148<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the repeal of the \$100 billion federal sales tax on health insurance imposed by  
2 the Affordable Care Act; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
4 (P. L. 111-148), and Section 1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (P.  
5 L. 111-152), impose an unprecedented new tax on health insurance that numerous policy  
6 experts agree will be passed on to individuals, working families, small employers, and  
7 seniors, contradicting a primary goal of health reform by making care more expensive; and

8 WHEREAS, the health insurance tax will cause premiums in the individual market to rise  
9 an average of \$2,150 for individuals and \$5,080 for families nationally over a ten-year  
10 period; and

11 WHEREAS, the tax will impose a \$3 billion fee on Georgians; and

12 WHEREAS, the health insurance tax will impact small employers over the next ten years,  
13 reducing future private sector jobs by 125,000, with 59 percent at small businesses, and  
14 reducing potential sales by at least \$18 billion, with 50 percent at small businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, the tax could cost Georgians with a Medicare Advantage Plan an average of  
16 \$3,453 more in higher premiums and reduced benefits over ten years; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia's Medicaid health plan costs could increase \$1,095 over ten years,  
18 putting pressure on our already strained state budget; and

19 WHEREAS, higher premiums are a disincentive for everyone to obtain insurance coverage,  
20 particularly younger, healthier people, who are likely to drop their policies if they become  
21 too expensive, further eroding the risk pool and making coverage even less affordable.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body request that the United States Congress enact legislation to repeal  
24 the health insurance tax, Sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
25 Care Act and Section 1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, to make  
26 health care more affordable for working families, individuals, and businesses.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to members of the Georgia  
29 congressional delegation and to the President of the United States.