

House Resolution 589

By: Representatives Cox of the 108th, Blackmon of the 146th, and Hogan of the 179th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recommending that the United States Congress act immediately to repeal the Affordable
2 Care Act's costly health insurance tax; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act's health insurance tax is a direct sales tax on health
4 insurance that significantly increases premiums; and

5 WHEREAS, studies by Oliver Wyman have estimated that the health insurance tax results
6 in an extra cost to small businesses of an average of \$280 per employee per year and to
7 individuals who purchase insurance coverage on their own of \$220 per year; and

8 WHEREAS, in December 2015, Congress and the Obama Administration reached an
9 agreement on a bipartisan budget that enacted a one-year moratorium on the health insurance
10 tax for the 2017 plan year; and

11 WHEREAS, without immediate action, the health insurance tax will return at a higher cost
12 for the 2018 plan year; and

13 WHEREAS, repealing the health insurance tax would ensure that consumers and small
14 businesses are protected from a hefty premium increase and would protect the states from
15 having to absorb this increase as part of their Medicaid budgets; and

16 WHEREAS, United States Representatives Kristi Noem and Kyrsten Sinema recently
17 introduced bipartisan legislation to repeal the health insurance tax; and

18 WHEREAS, this bipartisan solution would lower premiums, thus providing much-needed
19 relief to families, seniors enrolling in Medicare Advantage plans and small businesses across
20 the nation and helping to reduce costs for state Medicaid programs.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recommend that the United States Congress act immediately to
23 repeal the Affordable Care Act's costly health insurance tax.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
27 Representatives, and each Member of Congress from the State of Georgia.