

## House Resolution 1103

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Biden Administration to remove its veto and reapprove Georgia's Medicaid  
2 expansion waiver; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2019, the Georgia House of Representatives passed Senate Bill  
4 106 with bipartisan support, known as the "Patients First Act," which expanded Medicaid in  
5 an efficient and responsible manner, thereby providing much needed health care assistance  
6 to the neediest of Georgians, along with additional elements designed to offer such  
7 individuals and families a pathway out of poverty; and

8 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2019, the "Patients First Act" was signed into law by Governor  
9 Brian Kemp and the Medicaid expansion waiver processing with the federal government was  
10 initiated; and

11 WHEREAS, on October 15, 2020, the federal Department of Health and Human Services  
12 formally approved Georgia's waiver, allowing expanded Medicaid coverage; and

13 WHEREAS, in February 2021, the approval for Georgia's Medicaid expansion was  
14 VETOED and put on hold by the Biden administration before being formally rescinded in  
15 December 2021; and

16 WHEREAS, tens of thousands of the neediest of Georgians would be receiving assistance  
17 for the costs of medical care and mental health care today if not for President Biden's veto.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body urge the Biden Administration to remove its veto and reapprove  
20 Georgia's Medicaid expansion waiver.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
23 public and the press.