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1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37
 2 INTRODUCED BY Robert C. McNeill, Chair
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR
 4 Stella Jean Hansen, Susan Swysgood, Bruce Lewis, James J. Ba
 5 Thomas Kitchin
 6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF

7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING PHYSICIANS TO
 8 ENROLL IN THE PARTICIPATING PHYSICIAN PROGRAM AND ASKING THE
 9 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXAMINE THE APPROPRIATENESS
 10 OF MEDICAL RATES.

11 WHEREAS, the Medicare program was created as an
 12 insurance program that would protect the older person from
 13 high out-of-pocket health care expenses; and

14 WHEREAS, older Montanans pay an average of \$1,036 a
 15 year out-of-pocket for medical costs above what Medicare and
 16 supplemental insurance cover; and

17 WHEREAS, the cost of health care is escalating at a
 18 rate of 7% a year or seven times the rate of inflation; and

19 WHEREAS, the charges by physicians have increased at
 20 three times the rate of inflation; and

21 WHEREAS, a significant portion of Montana's population
 22 foregoes medical care because of its high costs; and

23 WHEREAS, the federal government has created the
 24 Participating Physician Program that provides incentives for
 25 physicians to charge no more than Medicare's approved rates;

1 and
 2 WHEREAS, less than 14% of Montana physicians currently
 3 are enrolled in the Participating Physician Program.

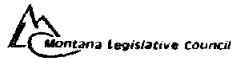
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 5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 6 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

7 That the physicians of Montana be urged to consider
 8 enrolling in the Participating Physician Program during the
 9 1987 enrollment period as a means of demonstrating their
 10 concern and commitment to affordable and accessible health
 11 care.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Montana urge
 13 the Congress of the United States to direct the Health Care
 14 Financing Administration of the federal Department of Health
 15 and Human Services, which administers Medicare, to examine
 16 the appropriateness of Medicare rates, especially the
 17 differential between generalists and specialists.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United
 19 States be urged to establish a system of affordable and
 20 accessible health care for older citizens.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
 22 send copies of this resolution to the Montana Medical
 23 Association for circulation to its members, the Speaker of
 24 the United States House of Representatives, the Majority
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

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March 25, 1987

MR. PRESIDENT

Public Health, Welfare & Safety

We, your committee on

House Joint Resolution

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having had under consideration No.

third reading copy (blue color)

JOINT RESOLUTION ASKING DOCTORS TO JOIN "PARTICIPATING PHYSICIANS PROGRAM"

GLASER (HAGER)

Respectfully report as follows: That House Joint Resolution No. 37

BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Page 1, lines 16 through 18. Strike: lines 16 through 18 in their entirety
2. Page 1, lines 19 through 21. Following: "escalating" Strike: remainder of line 19 through "inflation" on line 21
3. Page 1, lines 22 and 23. Following: "increased" Strike: remainder of line 22 through "inflation" on line 23

AND AS AMENDED, BE CONCURRED IN

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Signature of Dorothy Eck

Chairman.

Senator Eck

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