

House Resolution

No. 60

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House Resolution No. 60—Relative to National Health Center Week.

- 1 WHEREAS, Community clinics and health centers are at the
2 core of the nation’s health care safety net, serving anyone and
3 everyone who walks through their doors, regardless of ability to
4 pay, and are the medical homes for more than 23 million needy
5 and uninsured patients; and
6 WHEREAS, According to multiple government, academic, and
7 private studies, community clinics and health centers have proven
8 to be the most cost-effective health care providers in the field,
9 saving nearly \$24 billion annually by keeping patients out of
10 costlier health care settings, such as emergency rooms; and

1 WHEREAS, Community clinics and health centers are private,
2 nonprofit corporations. The majority of their boards of directors,
3 by law, must be their patients and consumers, and their services
4 are funded primarily through public programs such as Medicaid,
5 federal grants, and state initiatives; and

6 WHEREAS, Community clinics and health centers employ more
7 than 6,590 medical, dental, and behavioral health providers as part
8 of a multidisciplinary clinical team designed to treat the whole
9 patient by coordinating care and managing chronic disease, while
10 at the same time reducing unnecessary, avoidable, and wasteful
11 use of health resources; and

12 WHEREAS, Community clinics and health centers in California
13 and throughout the nation have led the movement for a fair and
14 equitable health care system, treating medically underserved
15 populations in medically underserved areas by reaching into the
16 inner city and the most rural and geographically isolated
17 communities; and

18 WHEREAS, In California, nearly six million low-income
19 families, children, seniors, women, non-English speakers, people
20 of color, and homeless individuals currently receive comprehensive
21 primary care services at over 1,100 community clinics and health
22 centers throughout the state; and

23 WHEREAS, Primary care at California community clinics and
24 health centers involves a wide range of services, including
25 preventive care, chronic disease management, well child, dental,
26 pharmaceutical, immunization, mental health, substance abuse,
27 breast cancer, nutrition, family planning, and pregnancy-related
28 services, all of which are provided with particular sensitivity to
29 language and cultural competency; and

30 WHEREAS, California's community clinics and health centers
31 have the major responsibility of providing health care services to
32 the state's most disadvantaged families and individuals, and are
33 serving over three million Californians enrolled in Medi-Cal, as
34 well as two million persons who remain uninsured; and

35 WHEREAS, California's and the nation's community clinics
36 and health centers deserve to be recognized and acknowledged for
37 their valuable services to their communities and the state, their
38 cost-effective delivery of primary health care services to the most
39 vulnerable populations, and their leadership in working for fair
40 and equitable health care reform; and

1 WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity
2 to recognize America’s health centers, their dedicated staff and
3 board members, and all those responsible for the continued success
4 and growth of the program since its creation over 50 years ago.
5 During National Health Center Week, the legacy of America’s
6 health centers and their vital role in shaping the future of America’s
7 health care system is celebrated; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
9 Assembly hereby joins in proclaiming the week of August 7 to
10 August 13, 2016, inclusive, as National Health Center Week in
11 California; and be it further

12 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
13 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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