

**RESOLUTION 29-07A**

**Title:** Support for the U.S. Global Health Initiative

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**Referred to:** Reference Committee C

**House Action:** Adopted

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Whereas, the 2006 World Health Report of the World Health Organization (WHO) points out that Sub-Saharan Africa, for example, has 24 percent of the burden of disease in the world and 60 percent of its AIDS/HIV cases, but only 11 percent of the population and three percent of the world's health workforce, and

Whereas, life-saving anti-retroviral drugs require periodic encounters with highly trained health care workers in contrast to vaccination programs, and

Whereas, an extraordinary U.S. government and private campaign is underway against AIDS/HIV without adequate health worker support, and

Whereas, only a small number of U.S. health professionals are in developing countries treating patients with AIDS/HIV, and

Whereas, in 2006, U.S. medical students expressed strong interest in service abroad, and

Whereas, the Institute of Medicine proposed in "Healers Abroad: Americans Responding to the Human Crisis in AIDS/HIV" the establishment of the U.S. Global Health Service, analogous to the Peace Corps, as a bold response to the world crisis of AIDS/HIV; therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS record its support for the U.S. Global Health Service concept and convey that support to the AMA, as well as Michigan and national leaders.

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

