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3 **RESOLUTION 6-09A**
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5 **Title: Opposition of Insurance Company Mergers**
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7 **Introduced by: Michael A. Genord, MD, for the Oakland County Delegation**
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11 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**
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13 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**
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16 **Whereas, consolidations and mergers within the health insurance**
17 **industry have resulted in and continue to result in health insurers acquiring**
18 **anti-competitive dominance in numerous markets throughout the country, and**
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20 **Whereas, such mergers and consolidations facilitate insurers acquiring**
21 **large market share, resulting in the power to set prices to consumers and**
22 **health care providers and to raise barriers to competition in the market, and**
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24 **Whereas, competitive markets consisting of multiple insurers and**
25 **multiple health care providers are best for consumers, and**
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27 **Whereas, physicians and other health care providers individually lack**
28 **sufficient bargaining power in anti-competitive markets to negotiate**
29 **competitive terms and conditions; therefore be it**
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31 **RESOLVED: That MSMS request that the Michigan Congressional**
32 **Delegation address mandating more vigorous investigations and challenges**
33 **by U.S. governmental agencies of the present lack of competition in health**
34 **insurance markets and of future health care insurance company mergers and**
35 **consolidations; and be it further**
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37 **RESOLVED: That MSMS educate state senators and representatives**
38 **about the ramifications to the people of Michigan presented by further**
39 **consolidation of the insurance industry; and be it further**
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41 **RESOLVED: That MSMS seek more vigorous enforcement by state**
42 **agencies of existing laws and the enactment of new laws intended to promote**
43 **competition in Michigan’s health insurance market.**
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45 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**
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