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# S. RES. 60

Supporting women's reproductive health.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 27, 2013

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting women's reproductive health.

Whereas access to comprehensive reproductive health care is critical to improving the health and well-being of women and their families;

Whereas access to affordable contraceptives and medically accurate information prevents unintended pregnancies, thereby improving the health of women, children, families, and society as a whole;

Whereas title X of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300 et seq.) and the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) cover health care and family planning services for millions of women and men who do not have other insurance coverage, with the Medicaid program alone covering 71 per-

cent of publicly funded family planning services and more than 40 percent of all births in the United States;

Whereas women need access to comprehensive, affordable insurance that covers family planning services, prenatal and postnatal care, miscarriage management, labor and delivery services, and abortion; and

Whereas the lack of adequate prenatal care increases the risks of infant and maternal mortality and preterm birth, which cost our health care system approximately \$26,000,000,000 annually: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate supports efforts to—

2               (1) ensure that women have access to contra-  
3               ception, other preventive services, and medically ac-  
4               curate information necessary to make health care  
5               decisions;

6               (2) ensure that the millions of women who rely  
7               on title X of the Public Health Service Act (42  
8               U.S.C. 300 et seq.), the Medicaid program under  
9               title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396  
10              et seq.), and non-profit providers like Planned Par-  
11              enthood continue to get cancer screenings, birth con-  
12              trol, and other essential health care services;

13              (3) ensure that women have access to afford-  
14              able insurance coverage for all pregnancy-related  
15              health care needs; and

- 1 (4) reduce health disparities between men and
- 2 women and among women of different races,
- 3 ethnicities, and sexual orientations.

