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# H. RES. 478

To recognize Mennonite Mutual Aid.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 1994

Mr. BROWN of Ohio submitted the following resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means

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## RESOLUTION

To recognize Mennonite Mutual Aid.

Whereas the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States firmly establishes that Congress shall make no law prohibiting the free exercise of religion;

Whereas the Mennonite Church has believed for more than 400 years that genuinely Christian mutual aid must be practiced within a disciplined congregation where individual responsibility for sharing is assumed;

Whereas Mennonite Mutual Aid (or "MMA") was established as an official program board of the Mennonite Church;

Whereas MMA is responsible for mutual aid and stewardship programs and services relating to health care that are in keeping with biblical imperatives of sharing and compassion as interpreted by the Mennonite Church;

Whereas MMA is operated to reflect Mennonite beliefs and values which are commonly shared;

Whereas MMA qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

Whereas MMA bears the risk of insuring its own members and is subject to regulation by the State insurance commissioner in each State in which it sells coverage; and

Whereas MMA offers its members benefits, such as special help for costs not included in standard health plans, premium assistance for members with dependents who have mental or physical disabilities, and assistance with adoption expenses: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That in any national health insurance re-
- 2 form legislation that provides for universal coverage, there
- 3 be a provision that permits Mennonites to continue receiv-
- 4 ing their health coverage through Mennonite Mutual Aid.

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