

A Resolution to Encourage Supportive Care for the Mentally Ill

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Supportive Care is a method of treating mental illness which provides
2 housing and support services in an outpatient setting; and
3 **WHEREAS**, this type of care is often less expensive than traditional inpatient treatment
4 in hospital settings; and
5 **WHEREAS**, for many people, Supportive Care provides them with a measure of dignity
6 which is crucial for their mental well-being; and
7 **WHEREAS**, most of the same treatments and therapies done in inpatient centers can be
8 provided in this environment; and
9 **WHEREAS**, current Supportive Care centers in places such as New York City have shown
10 promising results; and
11 **WHEREAS**, many abandoned or underutilized apartment complexes, which contribute
12 to urban blight, can be converted to Supportive Care centers; now,
13 therefore, be it
14 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that states and local communities set up
15 subsidized housing for the supportive care of mentally ill individuals.