

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Federal funding for the State Children's Health  
2 Insurance Program (SCHIP), enacted in 1997 by the United States  
3 Congress, is provided through state-specific, annual allotments;  
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5           WHEREAS, Several states have been unable to use all of their  
6 allotments, while other states spent all available funds; and

7           WHEREAS, Absent a statutory change, states with excess funds  
8 from prior years would lose millions in funding and put underserved  
9 children's health in jeopardy; and

10          WHEREAS, The State of Texas's two-year appropriations cycle  
11 delayed the initiation of the SCHIP program, presenting barriers to  
12 the full utilization of early-year SCHIP allotments; and

13          WHEREAS, The State of Texas began the 2002-2003 biennium  
14 enrolling more children in SCHIP faster than any other state in the  
15 country; and

16          WHEREAS, The State of Texas, specifically, stands to lose  
17 \$248 million in unspent SCHIP funds; now, therefore, be it

18          RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
19 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to enact  
20 legislation amending Title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend  
21 the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001  
22 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program; and, be it  
23 further

24          RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official

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1 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, the  
2 speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
3 senate of the United States Congress, and all the members of the  
4 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this  
5 resolution be officially entered into the Congressional Record of  
6 the United States of America.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 57 was adopted by the House on April 9, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 57 was adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor