

By: Delisi

H.C.R. No. 57

Substitute the following for H.C.R. No. 57:

By: Harper-Brown

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Federal funding for the SCHIP program, enacted in  
2 1997 by the United States Congress, is provided through  
3 state-specific, annual allotments; and

4 WHEREAS, Several states have been unable to use all of their  
5 allotments, while other states spent all available funds; and

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

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

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

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

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

23 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
24 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, the

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