

1-1 By: Delisi (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.C.R. No. 57  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 10, 2003;  
1-3 April 14, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 2, 2003, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 2, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, Federal funding for the State Children's Health  
1-8 Insurance Program (SCHIP), enacted in 1997 by the United States  
1-9 Congress, is provided through state-specific, annual allotments;  
1-10 and

1-11 WHEREAS, Several states have been unable to use all of their  
1-12 allotments, while other states spent all available funds; and

1-13 WHEREAS, Absent a statutory change, states with excess funds  
1-14 from prior years would lose millions in funding and put underserved  
1-15 children's health in jeopardy; and

1-16 WHEREAS, The State of Texas's two-year appropriations cycle  
1-17 delayed the initiation of the SCHIP program, presenting barriers to  
1-18 the full utilization of early-year SCHIP allotments; and

1-19 WHEREAS, The State of Texas began the 2002-2003 biennium  
1-20 enrolling more children in SCHIP faster than any other state in the  
1-21 country; and

1-22 WHEREAS, The State of Texas, specifically, stands to lose  
1-23 \$248 million in unspent SCHIP funds; now, therefore, be it

1-24 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-25 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to enact  
1-26 legislation amending Title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend  
1-27 the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001  
1-28 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program; and, be it  
1-29 further

1-30 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
1-31 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, the  
1-32 speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
1-33 senate of the United States Congress, and all the members of the  
1-34 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this  
1-35 resolution be officially entered into the Congressional Record of  
1-36 the United States of America.

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