

1 Retirement Income Security Act because the benefit provisions of
2 that Act fail to give coverage to the entire list of vaccines as
3 recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
4 that counsels the United States Department of Health and Human
5 Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

6 WHEREAS, Vaccination deficiencies have impacts at the state
7 and local levels, yet much of the requisite solution to the problem
8 resides within the purview of our elected officials in Washington;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to take
12 steps to address the vaccine supply shortage with respect to
13 childhood immunization schedules; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the congress pass legislation to require
15 health plans under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act to
16 cover all recommended vaccines of the Advisory Committee on
17 Immunization Practices; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the congress eliminate the inconsistency that
19 allows Medicaid children to be eligible for the Vaccines for
20 Children program but denies eligibility in some cases to enrollees
21 in the state's 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, to
25 the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
26 representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the
27 members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request

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1 that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional
2 Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of
3 America.