

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 663

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Houston in recognizing May 1 through 8, 2005, as Cover The Uninsured Week; and

WHEREAS, There are now 45 million Americans with no health care coverage, and this lack of coverage has become one of our country's greatest problems; and

WHEREAS, Eight out of 10 of the uninsured in this country are hard-working, productive, employed members of society; more than eight million of the uninsured in this country are children, who have neither choice nor input into the vital issue of their health care; and

WHEREAS, Due to the inability to afford even basic health care coverage, uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger than those more fortunate; they suffer needlessly because they go without the health care they need; and

WHEREAS, Fewer families and individuals can afford to pay the soaring cost of health care coverage, and fewer businesses are able to provide coverage for their employees; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations from every sector of society will join together during the week of May 1 to tell our leaders that good health is essential to the well-being of the nation, and that health care coverage for all Americans must be their top priority; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby proclaim May 1 through 8, 2005, Cover The Uninsured Week and join the City of Houston in urging leaders in our state and nation to explore this vital issue; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in tribute to this special week.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 21, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate