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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas regards the health of the children of Texas to be of paramount importance to families in this state; and

WHEREAS, Poor child health is a threat to the educational achievement and social and psychological well-being of the children of Texas; protecting the health of children is essential to the welfare of Texas' youngest citizens and to the quality of life in this state; and

WHEREAS, Texas' state Children's Health Insurance Program, which has enrolled thousands of uninsured children since its inception, is an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the children of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The state's Children's Health Insurance Program is a valuable tool that preserves child wellness, prevents and treats childhood disease, improves health outcomes, and reduces overall health costs; and

WHEREAS, The federal funding available for the program is indispensable to providing health benefits for children from families of modest means; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge all components of state government to work together with educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance

1 for providing health benefits to uninsured children in this state
2 be used to the maximum extent possible; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby respectfully urge the governor to work with the Texas
5 delegation to the congress to ensure that the federal State
6 Children's Health Insurance Program is reauthorized in a timely
7 manner; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby respectfully urge the governor to provide meaningful
10 assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for
11 Medicaid or the state's Children's Health Insurance Program; and,
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to
15 ensure the timely reauthorization of the federal State Children's
16 Health Insurance Program in order to assure continued federal
17 funding for the Texas Children's Health Insurance Program; and, be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
20 copies of this resolution to the governor of the State of Texas, the
21 president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of
22 representatives and the president of the senate of the United
23 States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to
24 the congress with the request that this resolution be officially
25 entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of
26 the United States of America.