

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 797

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join citizens across the country in recognizing April 23 through 29, 2007, as Cover the Uninsured Week; and

WHEREAS, More than 46 million Americans are living without health insurance, nine million of whom are children; with 31.2 percent uninsured families, Texas has the highest rate of uninsured families in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Ten years ago, the United States Congress created the State Children's Health Insurance Program to provide health coverage for children living in families earning too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to afford private insurance; this year, Congress must reauthorize the program in order for it to continue; and

WHEREAS, Now in its fifth year, Cover the Uninsured Week brings together business owners, union members, educators, students, health care workers, and organizations of all kinds to call on our leaders to find solutions for the Americans living without health insurance; and

WHEREAS, Cover the Uninsured Week 2007 will focus on demonstrating broad support for the reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program and the need to press for coverage of all uninsured Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby encourage all Texans to join in the search for solutions to the problem of uninsured Americans and observe April 23 through 29, 2007, as Cover the Uninsured Week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Cover the Uninsured Week.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 23, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate