

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 6

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution urging the reauthorization of  
8 the State Children's Health Insurance Program; and  
9 directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature regards the health of our  
13 children to be of paramount importance to families in the state; and

14 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature regards poor child health as a  
15 threat to the educational achievement, social and psychological  
16 well-being of the children of the state; and

17 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature considers protecting the  
18 health of our children to be essential to the well-being of the  
19 youngest citizens and the quality of life in the state; and

20 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature considers Oklahoma's State  
21 Children's Health Insurance Program, which has enrolled over three  
22 hundred thousand (300,000) uninsured children in Oklahoma since its  
23 inception in 1997, to be an integral part of the arrangements for  
24 health benefits for the children of Oklahoma; and

1       WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the value of  
2 Oklahoma's State Children's Health Insurance Program in preserving  
3 child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving  
4 health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

5       WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature considers the federal funding  
6 available for Oklahoma's State Children's Health Insurance Program  
7 to be indispensable in providing health benefits for children of  
8 modest means.

9       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
10 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
11 CONCURRING THEREIN:

12       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the members of Oklahoma's  
13 delegation in the United States Congress to ensure that Congress  
14 reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program to assure  
15 federal funding for Oklahoma's State Children's Health Insurance  
16 Program.

17       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the Governor to use his best  
18 efforts to work with the Oklahoma delegation to ensure that the  
19 State Children's Health Insurance Program is reauthorized in a  
20 timely manner.

21       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature proclaims that all components of  
22 state government should work together with educators, health care  
23 providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available  
24 public and private assistance for providing health benefits to

1 uninsured children in Oklahoma be used to the maximum extent  
2 possible.

3 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the Governor to use his best  
4 efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll  
5 children who qualify for Medicaid or Oklahoma's State Children's  
6 Health Insurance Program.

7 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the members of  
8 Oklahoma's delegation to the United States Congress.

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