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5 By: Senator Bearden
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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 "REQUESTING CONGRESS TO REVIEW THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED
10 BY THE BALANCED BUDGET ACT OF 1997 ON REIMBURSEMENT
11 FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES. "

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20 WHEREAS, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 resulted in the reimbursement
21 for physical therapy and speech therapy to be subject to a cap of fifteen
22 hundred dollars (\$1,500) per year per patient for both physical therapy and
23 speech therapy combined; and

24 WHEREAS, occupational therapy was segregated with a separate fifteen
25 hundred dollar (\$1,500) per year cap; and

26 WHEREAS, combining physical therapy and speech therapy together under
27 the same cap appears unreasonable;

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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
31 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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33 THAT the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Arkansas General
34 Assembly respectfully request the Congress of the United States to review the
35 restrictions placed by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 on reimbursement for
36 rehabilitation expenses for purposes of:

1 (1) Determining whether physical therapy and speech therapy should have
2 separate maximums for reimbursement; and

3 (2) Whether the existing maximums are adequate.
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this resolution, the
6 Secretary of the Senate should forward an authenticated copy hereof to the
7 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House
8 of Representatives, each member of Arkansas' Congressional Delegation, and the
9 Administrator of the Federal Health Care Finance Administration.
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