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By: Senators Faris, Horn, Bookout, Broadway, Crumbly, B. Johnson, Steele, J. Taylor, *Laverty, B. Pritchard*

By: Representatives Cooper, Key, Burris, Cook, D. Creekmore, S. Dobbins, Everett, Flowers, S. Prater, Norton, Reep, Saunders, Sumpter, L. Smith, J. Roebuck, Webb, Blount, Berry, Hardy, Adcock, Davis, Edwards, W. Lewellen, Ragland, E. Brown, Chesterfield, George, Gaskill, Maloch, R. Green

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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**  
CONCERNING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE STATE  
CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.

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**Subtitle**  
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WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly regard the health of our children to be of paramount importance to families in our state; and

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WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly regard poor health as a threat to the educational achievement and social and psychological well being of the children of our state; and

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WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly consider protecting the health of our children to be essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in our state; and

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WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly consider the Arkansas State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), which began in 1998 with a small Medicaid expansion and, as of June 30, 2006, has enrolled nearly 66,000 children meeting the definition of an SCHIP targeted low income child, to be



1 an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the children of  
2 the State of Arkansas; and

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4 WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly recognize the value of the  
5 Arkansas SCHIP program in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating  
6 childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health  
7 costs; and

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9 WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly consider the federal  
10 funding available for the Arkansas SCHIP program to be indispensable to  
11 providing health benefits for children of modest means,

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13 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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16 THAT the Eighty-Sixth General Assembly urges the members of Arkansas'  
17 delegation to the United States Congress to ensure that the Congress timely  
18 reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to assure  
19 federal funding for the Arkansas State Children's Health Insurance Program.

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly urges the Governor to  
22 use his best efforts to work with the Arkansas delegation to ensure that  
23 SCHIP is reauthorized in a timely manner.

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly proclaims that all  
26 components of state government should work together with educators, health  
27 care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available  
28 public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured  
29 children in this State be used to the maximum extent possible.

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly urges the Governor to  
32 use his best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and  
33 enroll children who qualify for Medicaid or the Arkansas State Children's  
34 Health Insurance Program.

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36 /s/ Faris