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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STURLA, DeWEESE, BELFANTI, BISHOP, BUXTON,  
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MARKOSEK, HERSHEY, WALKO, FRANKEL AND FREEMAN, MARCH 9, 2007

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
MARCH 9, 2007

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to provide timely and  
2 meaningful reauthorization of the State Children's Health  
3 Insurance Program in 2007.

4 WHEREAS, Health insurance coverage is essential to providing  
5 access to appropriate and necessary health care for children;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Providing health care coverage to children improves  
8 the health outcomes of children; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 152,000 children in the Commonwealth of  
10 Pennsylvania are enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance  
11 Program (CHIP); and

12 WHEREAS, The Federal State Children's Health Insurance  
13 Program (SCHIP) law was modeled after Pennsylvania's CHIP; and

14 WHEREAS, SCHIP is scheduled for reauthorization by Congress  
15 in 2007; and

16 WHEREAS, The success of CHIP in the Commonwealth of

1 Pennsylvania depends on a successful Federal-State partnership;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, About 68¢ of every dollar spent on CHIP in the  
4 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania comes from the Federal Government;  
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress to provide timely  
8 and meaningful reauthorization of SCHIP in 2007 to provide  
9 states the resources to continue administering successful CHIP  
10 programs; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
12 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each  
13 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.