

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5040

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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9 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the other 49 states to estab-
10 lish their own Mission of Mercy programs.

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12 WHEREAS, Kansas recognizes that, like Kansas, each state's strength,
13 success, vitality and health of its citizens and its communities depends in
14 great measure upon volunteerism, and concerned and devoted programs
15 such as Kansas' Mission of Mercy project; and

16 WHEREAS, With the help of Kansas' Governor and legislators passing
17 a bill limiting the liability of dental professionals who volunteer for the
18 Mission of Mercy projects, Kansas Mission of Mercy project became a
19 reality; and

20 WHEREAS, The Kansas Dental Associations' Kansas Dental Charitable
21 Foundation invested heavily in infrastructure to carry on successive
22 Mission of Mercy projects; and

23 WHEREAS, The participation of 574 volunteers, including 81 den-
24 tists, 51 dental hygienists and 85 dental assistants provided \$554,000 in
25 dental care to 1,734 patients at the first Kansas Mission of Mercy; and

26 WHEREAS, The participation of 863 volunteers, including 207 den-
27 tists, 128 dental hygienists and 153 dental assistants provided \$758,455
28 in dental care to 2,659 patients at the second Mission of Mercy; and

29 WHEREAS, Kansas' Mission of Mercy projects were organized by the
30 Kansas Dental Association through the Kansas Dental Charitable Foun-
31 dation with funds from dentists, private foundations and other private
32 sources; and

33 WHEREAS, Kansas dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and
34 citizen volunteers are caring and compassionate people; and

35 WHEREAS, The efforts and generosity of all the people involved
36 made Kansas Mission of Mercy the world's largest free dental clinic draw-
37 ing Kansas' citizens closer as a unit and improving the health, welfare and
38 moral of Kansas citizenry: Now, therefore;

39 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
40 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the other 49 states be urged to
41 adopt programs similar to or the same as the Kansas Mission of Mercy
42 program; and

43 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send

- 1 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the governor and legislative lead-
- 2 ership of each of the other 49 states.