

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5011

By Social Services Budget Committee

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9 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress
10 to act and reauthorize the State Children Health Insurance Program
11 (SCHIP) and associated funding; and urging Governor Sebelius to as-
12 sist in identifying and enrolling children qualifying for Medicaid or the
13 Kansas HealthWave program.

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15 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Kansas regards the health
16 of our children to be of paramount importance to families in Kansas; and

17 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Kansas regards poor child
18 health as a threat to the educational achievement, social and psychological
19 well-being of the children of Kansas; and

20 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Kansas considers pro-
21 tecting the health of our children to be essential to the well-being of our
22 youngest citizens and the quality of life in Kansas; and

23 WHEREAS, The Legislature considers the Kansas HealthWave pro-
24 gram, which was established under K.S.A. 38-2001 et seq., and amend-
25 ments thereto, and which has enrolled more than 37,000 uninsured chil-
26 dren since its inception in 1999, to be an integral part of the arrangements
27 for health benefits for the children of Kansas; and

28 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the value of the Kansas
29 HealthWave program in preserving child wellness, preventing and treat-
30 ing childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall
31 health costs; and

32 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Kansas considers the fed-
33 eral funding available for the Kansas HealthWave program to be indis-
34 pensable for providing health benefits for children of modest means;
35 Now, therefore,

36 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
37 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the Legislature urges the members
38 of the Kansas Congressional Delegation to use their best efforts to ensure
39 that the United States Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children
40 Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to assure federal funding for the
41 Kansas HealthWave program; and

42 *Be it further resolved:* That the Legislature urges Governor Sebelius
43 to use her best efforts to work with the Kansas delegation to ensure that

1 SCHIP is reauthorized in a timely manner; and
2 *Be it further resolved:* That the Legislature proclaims that all com-
3 ponents of state government should work together with educators, health
4 care providers, social workers and parents to ensure that all available
5 public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured
6 children in Kansas be used to the maximum extent possible; and
7 *Be it further resolved:* That the Legislature urges Governor Sebelius
8 to use her best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify
9 and enroll children who qualify for Medicaid or the Kansas HealthWave
10 program; and
11 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to send
12 enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States,
13 the President of the United State Senate, the Speaker of the United State
14 House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United State Department
15 of Health and Human Services, each member of the Kansas Congres-
16 sional Delegation, and to Governor Sebelius.