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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A resolution urging Congress to adopt prescription drug coverage for all Medicare beneficiaries.

WHEREAS, prescription drugs have become an integral part of modern medicine with private health insurance companies incorporating adequate coverage for prescription drugs, and

WHEREAS, Medicare still does not provide coverage for most drugs as part of its benefit package, and

WHEREAS, three out of every ten Medicare beneficiaries have no insurance coverage for prescription drugs and those with supplemental drug insurance face high premiums and restricted coverage, and

WHEREAS, 26 states have already enacted state pharmaceutical assistance programs to provide some drug coverage to fill the void left by federal inaction, and

WHEREAS, President Bush has proposed the Immediate Helping Hand initiative to provide funds to states for drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries who are least able to pay for needed prescriptions, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Congress of the United States is urged to provide prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries either through enactment of legislation based on the Immediate Helping Hand initiative or one of the several Congressional proposals providing pharmaceutical financial assistance for seniors.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
2 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be transmitted to the  
3 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
4 United States House of Representatives, to each member of the  
5 Florida Delegation to the United States Congress, and to the  
6 President of the United States.

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