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House Memorial

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2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging
3 Congress to extend the State Children's Health Insurance
4 Program and appropriate sufficient funds to allow each
5 state, using an appropriate match, to extend health care
6 coverage to every child in America.

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8 WHEREAS, Florida is the fourth most populous state, with
9 16.4 million residents, and

10 WHEREAS, more than 2 million Floridians live in poverty and
11 approximately 2.8 million Floridians have no health insurance
12 whatsoever, and

13 WHEREAS, the Kaiser Family Foundation reports that 17
14 percent of Florida children are currently uninsured, and

15 WHEREAS, it is a moral incumbency that every Floridian,
16 especially children, have access to quality, affordable health
17 care, and

18 WHEREAS, more than 250,000 children are currently insured
19 through the Florida KidCare program, yet hundreds of thousands
20 of children continue to go without quality health care, and

21 WHEREAS, the Florida KidCare program is funded in large
22 part by federal contributions from the State Children's Health
23 Insurance Program, and

24 WHEREAS, the State Children's Health Insurance Program is
25 set to expire in federal fiscal year 2007, unless reauthorized
26 by the United States Congress, and

27 WHEREAS, the Florida KidCare program, with additional long-
28 term funding from the United States Congress through the State
29 Children's Health Insurance Program, has the potential of
30 expanding health insurance, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Congress of the United States is urged to pass legislation during the 108th Congress to extend the State Children's Health Insurance Program beyond federal fiscal year 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is requested to allow each state, using an appropriate federal match, to allow legal aliens to participate in the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and to each Member of the Florida delegation to the 108th United States Congress.