

By Senator Rich

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to enact legislation providing for comprehensive, affordable health care coverage for all Americans.

WHEREAS, we believe health and health care are fundamental to the well-being and security of the American people, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 46.1 million nonelderly Americans were without health coverage in 2005, 1.3 million greater than the year before, and

WHEREAS, of the uninsured, it is estimated that 9 million are children, and

WHEREAS, most Americans under the age of 65 obtain health insurance as an employer benefit, yet the percentage of employers offering this coverage has declined from 69 percent in 2000 to 61 percent in 2006, and

WHEREAS, 2007 has seen new initiatives from the states to provide universal health care for their citizens and new coalitions among businesses, unions, insurance companies, and the health care industry calling for action to repair a broken health care system, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Legislature of the State of Florida urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide a plan for universal health care coverage that permits all persons to obtain comprehensive, affordable health care coverage.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
3 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
4 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
5 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.
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