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48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A MEMORIAL

**URGING CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE AND ADEQUATELY FUND THE STATE
CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS, the health of New Mexico's children is of
paramount importance to families in the state; and**

**WHEREAS, the poor health of children is a threat to the
educational achievement and social and psychological well-
being of the children of New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, protecting the health of children is essential
to the well-being of the youngest citizens and the quality of
life in the state; and**

**WHEREAS, the state children's health insurance program is
an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for
the children of the state of New Mexico; and**

WHEREAS, the value of the state children's health

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1 insurance program in preserving child wellness, preventing and
2 treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes and
3 reducing overall health costs is well-recognized; and

4 WHEREAS, federal funding available for the state
5 children's health insurance program is indispensable to
6 providing health benefits for children of modest means;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's
9 congressional delegation be urged to ensure the timely
10 reauthorization and adequate funding of the state children's
11 health insurance program; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urge the
13 governor to use his best efforts to work with New Mexico's
14 congressional delegation to ensure that the state children's
15 health insurance program is reauthorized in a timely manner;
16 and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urge all
18 components of state government to work together with
19 educators, health care providers, social workers and parents
20 to improve health benefits for uninsured children; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urge the
22 governor to use his best efforts to provide meaningful
23 assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify
24 for medicaid or the New Mexico state children's health
25 insurance program; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation and to the governor.

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