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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has let the Children's  
3 Health Insurance Program (CHIP) expire; this is the first time  
4 in two decades that this was allowed to happen; and

5 WHEREAS, CHIP is a federal health insurance option for  
6 working families without access to insurance; now, insurance  
7 for more than 100,000 Illinois children remains uncertain; and

8 WHEREAS, CHIP provides prenatal care to over 370,000  
9 pregnant women across the nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Last year, Illinois received more than \$200  
11 million to fund CHIP; that money will not run out until next  
12 year; and

13 WHEREAS, CHIP has helped decrease the number of uninsured  
14 children to a record low of 7%; and

15 WHEREAS, Children are our State's greatest asset; they must  
16 grow up healthy to support our future economy; and

17 WHEREAS, A five-year renewal plan is already drafted;  
18 Congress is expected to call it for a vote in the coming weeks;  
19 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United  
3 States Congress to renew the Children's Health Insurance  
4 Program (CHIP) to provide stability and certainty to the  
5 children of Illinois; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
7 delivered to President Donald Trump, U.S. Senate Majority  
8 Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck  
9 Schumer, U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, U.S. House of  
10 Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and all members  
11 of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.