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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Introduced by: Senators Hunhoff, Bartling, Gant, Greenfield, and Maher and Representatives Rausch, Dennert, Glenski, Hackl, Olson (Russell), Putnam, and Willadsen

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the
2 State Children's Health Insurance Program at the federal level and to increase funding levels
3 or modified state eligibility levels for qualified children.

4 WHEREAS, the Legislature regards the health of our children to be of paramount
5 importance to families in our state; and

6 WHEREAS, the Legislature regards poor child health as a threat to the educational
7 achievement and the social and psychological well-being of the children of our state; and

8 WHEREAS, the Legislature considers protecting the health of our children to be essential
9 to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in our state; and

10 WHEREAS, the Legislature considers the South Dakota Children's Health Insurance
11 Program to be an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the children of the
12 State of South Dakota; and

13 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of the South Dakota Children's Health
14 Insurance Program in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease,
15 improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and



1 WHEREAS, the Legislature considers the federal funding available for the South Dakota
2 Children's Health Insurance Program to be indispensable to providing health benefits for the
3 children of modest means:

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-second Legislature
5 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South
6 Dakota Legislature urges the members of South Dakota's Congressional delegation to the United
7 States Congress to ensure that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children's Health
8 Insurance Program to assure federal funding for the South Dakota Children's Health Insurance
9 Program; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges the Governor to use his best
11 efforts to work with South Dakota's Congressional delegation to ensure that the State Children's
12 Health Insurance Program is reauthorized in a timely manner; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature proclaims that all components of state
14 government should work together with educators, health care providers, social workers, and
15 parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to
16 uninsured children in this state be used to the maximum extent possible; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges the Governor to use his best
18 efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for
19 medicaid or the South Dakota Children's Health Insurance Program.