

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6029

A RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the United States to permit children of state employees to be eligible recipients of health care benefits under HealthWave.

WHEREAS, The federal government established in 42 U.S.C. § 1397aa *et seq.*, a program now known as HealthWave to provide funds to the various states to provide or expand child health care assistance to uninsured, low-income families; and

WHEREAS, While this program has made it possible for many low to moderate income families who do not qualify for Medicaid to have affordable health care, the current law provides, in 42 U.S.C. § 1397bb(b)(4), that this program is not available to any child eligible for child health care under a state child health plan. The state of Kansas provides in its benefits package to its employees a comprehensive health insurance program for its employees and family members thereby causing children of Kansas state employees to be ineligible for health care coverage under HealthWave; and

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas has completed a study to determine the number of state employees who would be eligible for HealthWave insurance. The study concluded that approximately 3,500 employees of a total of 29,000 employees earning less than \$45,000 per year would qualify for HealthWave coverage; and

WHEREAS, A large number of children of Kansas state employees are not receiving health care benefits, either under the state or federal plans, and in the future the parents of these children are unlikely to be able to afford health insurance for their children: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That the body memorializes the Congress of the United States to amend current law so that children of state employees are eligible for health care benefits under HealthWave; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate and to each member of the Kansas legislative delegation.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*