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House Concurrent Resolution No. 5038

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION expressing the Kansas House of Representatives' and Senate's support for the creation of an Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program to the benefit of the state of Kansas.

WHEREAS, The burden of oral disease restricts activities in school, work and home, and often significantly diminishes the quality of life by causing poor diet and nutrition, sleep disturbances, depression and impaired social interactions; and

WHEREAS, Americans lose 2.4 million days of work and children lose 1.6 million days of school each year due to acute dental conditions; and

WHEREAS, Eighty-four Kansas counties, along with the cities of Topeka and Wichita, are considered federal dental health shortage areas; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that without significant policy intervention, service gaps and resulting oral health problems will grow as the supply of dentists declines; and

WHEREAS, An AEGD residency program would attract post-doctoral dental students who would increase dental services to the underserved; and

WHEREAS, The AEGD residency program would increase the likelihood that the dentists will remain in Kansas to practice: Now, therefore,

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Kansas Legislature supports the creation of an Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program, with the overarching goal of increasing access to dental care for all individuals in the state of Kansas.

Adopted by the House May 9, 2006.

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