

By: Representatives Flaggs, Fleming

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE MISSISSIPPI CONGRESSIONAL  
2 DELEGATION TO DO ALL WITHIN THEIR POWER TO ENSURE THAT CONGRESS  
3 TIMELY REAUTHORIZES THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM  
4 (SCHIP).

5 WHEREAS, the health of our children is of paramount  
6 importance to families in the State of Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, poor child health is a threat to the educational  
8 achievement, social and psychological well-being of the children  
9 of our state; and

10 WHEREAS, protecting the health of our children is essential  
11 to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life  
12 in Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, the State Children's Health Insurance Program  
14 (SCHIP), which has enrolled thousands of uninsured children in  
15 Mississippi since its inception in 1998, is an integral part of  
16 the arrangements for health benefits for the children of this  
17 state; and

18 WHEREAS, SCHIP is a valuable program in preserving child  
19 wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving  
20 health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

21 WHEREAS, the Legislature considers that federal funding for  
22 SCHIP is indispensable to providing health benefits for children  
23 of modest means in Mississippi:

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
26 THEREIN, That the Legislature urges the members of the Mississippi  
27 delegation to the United States Congress to do all within their  
28 power to ensure that Congress timely reauthorizes the State

29 Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to assure continued  
30 federal funding for the SCHIP in Mississippi.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature urges the  
32 Governor to use his best efforts to work with the Mississippi  
33 congressional delegation to ensure that SCHIP is reauthorized in a  
34 timely manner.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature declares that  
36 all components of state government should work together with  
37 educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents  
38 to ensure that all available public and private assistance for  
39 providing health benefits to uninsured children in this state is  
40 used to the maximum extent possible.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature urges the  
42 Governor to use his best efforts to provide meaningful assistance  
43 to help identify and enroll children who qualify for Medicaid or  
44 SCHIP.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
46 furnished to the members of the Mississippi congressional  
47 delegation, the Governor and to the members of the Capitol Press  
48 Corps.