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Supporting the goals and ideals of Children's Health Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CASTOR (for herself and Mr. REICHERT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Children's Health Month.

Whereas children comprise one quarter of the population of the United States;

Whereas nearly 1 in 5 children in the United States are overweight;

Whereas more than 9,000,000 children do not have health insurance;

Whereas 7 percent of children in the United States have limitations on activity due to chronic health conditions;

Whereas an estimated 12 percent of high school seniors put themselves at risk by smoking cigarettes daily;

Whereas children account for 30,000,000 annual visits to the emergency room to receive care for injuries or illnesses;

Whereas asthma affects nearly 5,000,000 American children;

Whereas allergies affect about 50,000,000 American children;

Whereas motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for children and adolescents ages 1 to 21;

Whereas dental caries is the most common chronic disease affecting American children, and is 5 times more common than asthma and 7 times more common than hay fever;

Whereas during FY 2005, an estimated 899,000 children in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico were determined to be victims of abuse or neglect; and

Whereas every year since 1928 the President has issued a proclamation designating the month October as “Children’s Health Month”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Children’s
3 Health Month;

4 (2) invites the chief executive officers of the
5 States, territories, and possessions of the United
6 States to issue proclamations recognizing the goals
7 and ideals of Children’s Health Month;

8 (3) commends the efforts of States, territories
9 and possessions of the United States, localities, non-
10 profit organizations, businesses, and the people of
11 the United States who support the goals and ideals
12 of Children’s Health Month;

13 (4) recognizes and reaffirms our Nation’s com-
14 mitment to providing access to health care, ensuring
15 preventative care, seeking cures for debilitating dis-

1 eases and chronic conditions, and promoting healthy
2 living habits for America's children;

3 (5) recognizes and salutes the health care pro-
4 fessionals who provide care and treatment for child-
5 hood illnesses and afflictions;

6 (6) recognizes and salutes the officials who pro-
7 tect children from environmental health and safety
8 risks;

9 (7) recognizes and salutes the officials who edu-
10 cate parents, schools and communities about health
11 risks and related issues for children; and

12 (8) encourages states, territories, and posses-
13 sions of the United States to educate children about
14 healthy living habits when they are young so that
15 they will be more likely to lead healthy lives as
16 adults.

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