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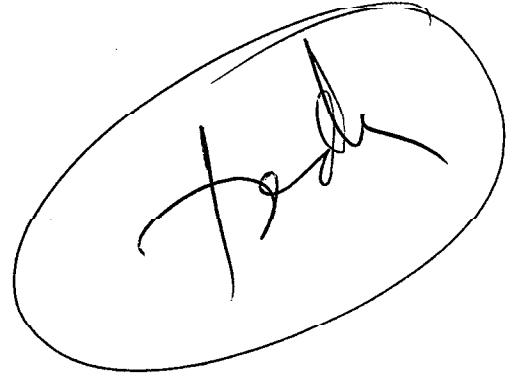
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2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION



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4 the majority of Americans over the past half century, yet many still experience
5 needless pain, suffering, and complications that devastate overall health and
6 well-being, and incur financial and social costs that diminish the quality of life and
7 burden American society in what amounts to a silent epidemic of oral disease that
8 is affecting our most vulnerable citizens^{A -> A -> mdash}, poor children, the elderly, and many
9 members of racial and ethnic minority groups; and

10 Whereas, oral health is integral to general health and new research is pointing
11 to associations between chronic oral infections and heart and lung diseases, stroke,
12 and low-birth-weight, premature births, periodontal disease, and diabetes; and

13 Whereas, an estimated 25^{1,000,000} million Americans live in areas lacking adequate
14 dental care services, as defined by Health Professional Shortage Areas criteria, and
15 the public health infrastructure for oral health is insufficient to address the needs

1 of disadvantaged groups, and the integration of oral and general health programs is
2 lacking; and

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3 Whereas, expenditures for dental services alone made up 4.7% of the nation's
4 health expenditures in 1998 ~~at~~ \$53.8 billion; and

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11 and ¹ while Medicaid funds dental care for low-income and disabled elderly in some
12 states, reimbursements are low and Medicare is not designed to reimburse for
13 routine dental care; and

14 Whereas, there are many barriers to good oral health care which include
15 patient and caregiver understanding of the value and importance of oral health to
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17 patient and provider; now, therefore, [✓] be it *members of the*

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22 an accepted component of general health, by directing this message to the public,
23 ³ policymakers at all levels of government, and health care providers, by building an
24 effective health [✓] infrastructure that meets the oral health care needs of all Americans
25 and integrates oral health effectively into overall health, that removes known

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1 barriers between people and oral health services, and that use public-private
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3 from oral diseases; and, be it further

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8 **Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
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Basford, Sarah

From: Vasby, Tara
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2001 9:24 AM
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