2007 SENATE RESOLUTION 4

March 23, 2007 – Introduced by Senator Kreitlow. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Insurance.

Relating to: reauthorization of the federal State Health Insurance Assistance

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2	Program.
3	Whereas, the Wisconsin senate regards the health of our children to be of
4	paramount importance to families in our state; and
5	Whereas, the Wisconsin senate regards poor child health as a threat to the
6	educational achievement and social and psychological well-being of the children of
7	our state; and
8	Whereas, the Wisconsin senate considers protecting the health of our children
9	to be essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in our
10	state; and
11	Whereas, the Wisconsin senate considers the State Health Insurance
12	Assistance Program (SHIP), which enrolls 96,114 children and their parents through
13	the successful BadgerCare program, to be an integral part of the arrangements for

health benefits for the children of our state; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin senate recognizes the value of SHIP in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin senate considers the federal funding available for SHIP to be indispensable to providing health benefits for children of modest means; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, That the members of the Wisconsin senate urge the members of Wisconsin's delegation to the United States Congress to ensure that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to assure federal funding for SHIP; and, be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin senate urge the governor to use his best efforts to work with the Wisconsin delegation to ensure that SCHIP is reauthorized in a timely manner; and, be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin senate proclaim that all components of state government should work together with educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured children in this state be used to the maximum extent possible; and, be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin senate urge the governor to use his best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for Medial Assistance or SHIP.

22 (END)