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**Senate Joint Memorial 13**

Sponsored by Senator MORRISETTE

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the health of Oregon's children is of paramount importance to families in this state; and

Whereas poor child health is a threat to educational achievement and the social and psychological well-being of Oregon's children; and

Whereas protecting the health of Oregon's children is essential to maintaining the quality of life in this state; and

Whereas the Oregon State Children's Health Insurance Program, first funded in 1997 by the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly, is an integral part of the plans for providing health benefits for Oregon's children; and

Whereas the Legislative Assembly recognizes the value of the Oregon State Children's Health Insurance Program in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes and reducing overall health costs; and

Whereas the Legislative Assembly considers the federal funds available for the Oregon State Children's Health Insurance Program to be indispensable to providing health benefits for children in families of modest means; and

Whereas the State of Oregon is now permitted to carry forward to future fiscal years unexpended federal funds that it receives for the Oregon State Children's Health Insurance Program; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to timely reauthorize the Oregon State Children's Health Insurance Program so as to ensure continued federal funding for the program.

(2) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to reauthorize the Oregon State Children's Health Insurance Program in a manner that will permit the State of Oregon to continue to carry forward to future fiscal years unexpended federal funds that it receives for the Oregon State Children's Health Insurance Program.

(3) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by Senate May 3, 2007

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Secretary of Senate

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President of Senate

Adopted by House May 24, 2007

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Speaker of House