

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 31

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, the Missouri General Assembly regards the health of our children to be  
2 of paramount importance to families in our State; and  
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4 **Whereas**, the Missouri General Assembly regards poor child health as a threat to  
5 the educational achievement, social, and psychological well-being of the children of our State;  
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8 **Whereas**, the Missouri General Assembly considers protecting the health of our  
9 children to be essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in our  
10 State; and  
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12 **Whereas**, the Missouri General Assembly considers the Missouri MC+ for Kids  
13 program, which has an average enrollment of more than 125,000 children each year since its  
14 inception in September 1998, to be an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for  
15 the children of the State of Missouri; and  
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17 **Whereas**, the Missouri General Assembly recognizes the value of the Missouri  
18 MC+ for Kids program in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease,  
19 improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and  
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21 **Whereas**, the Missouri General Assembly considers the federal funding available  
22 for the Missouri MC+ for Kids program to be indispensable to providing health benefits for  
23 children of modest means:  
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25       **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
26 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
27 concurring therein, hereby:

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29       (1) Urge the Missouri Congressional Delegation to ensure that the Congress timely  
30 reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to assure federal funding  
31 for the Missouri MC+ for Kids program;

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33       (2) Urge Governor Matt Blunt to use his best efforts to work with the Missouri  
34 Congressional Delegation to ensure that SCHIP is reauthorized in a timely manner;

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36       (3) Urge all components of state government to work together with educators, health care  
37 providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance  
38 for providing health benefits to uninsured children in Missouri be used to the maximum extent  
39 possible; and

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41       (4) Urge Governor Matt Blunt to use his best efforts to provide meaningful assistance  
42 to help identify and enroll children who qualify for Medicaid or the Missouri MC+ for Kids  
43 program; and

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45       **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
46 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor  
47 Matt Blunt, Deborah E. Scott, the Director of the Department of Social Services, and each  
48 member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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