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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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COMMENDING HAWAII COVERING KIDS FOR ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN  
REDUCING THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN  
HAWAII AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR ITS ASSISTANCE IN  
ENROLLING HAWAII'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN QUEST AND MEDICAID  
FEE-FOR-SERVICE PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, established in 1999 by the Hawaii Primary Care  
2 Association, HAWAII COVERING KIDS helps eligible uninsured  
3 children and youth obtain free and low-cost health insurance  
4 coverage; and

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6 WHEREAS, in cooperation and collaboration with its many  
7 community partners, including various state departments and  
8 community agencies such as the Department of Human Services;  
9 Department of Labor; Department of Health; Department of  
10 Education; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; AlohaCare; HMSA  
11 Foundation; NFL Pro Bowl Charities; Easter Seals Hawaii; Hawaii  
12 Foodbank; American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter; Catholic Charities;  
13 and Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, HAWAII COVERING KIDS  
14 tirelessly strives to reduce the number of uninsured children  
15 and youth in Hawaii, with the ultimate goals of reaching 100  
16 percent enrollment; and

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18 WHEREAS, through a variety of services, HAWAII COVERING  
19 KIDS identifies, enrolls, and retains eligible children and  
20 youth in need of healthcare coverage in health insurance  
21 programs offered by QUEST and Medicaid, to keep Hawaii's  
22 children healthy; and

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24 WHEREAS, in addition to working with health insurance  
25 programs to simplify application forms and implementing  
26 electronic applications through trained outreach workers, HAWAII  
27 COVERING KIDS offers a reliable hotline service, eligibility  
28 guidance, and a passive renewal process to aid families who need  
29 information or help with enrollment in the programs; and



1 WHEREAS, outreach efforts by HAWAII COVERING KIDS,  
2 including:

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4 (1) A pharmacy outreach campaign to distribute bag  
5 stuffers and post flyers;  
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7 (2) Publication of flyers in 19 languages; and  
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9 (3) Informing parents and guardians of the availability of  
10 free health insurance in a collaborated effort with  
11 public and private schools, WIC, Head Start, county  
12 parks, youth clubs, public housing agencies, and child  
13 care centers,  
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15 have decreased the number of uninsured children and youth from 7  
16 to 5 percent, reduced the annual number of uninsured newborns  
17 from an average of 520 to 363 babies, and increased the children  
18 and youth enrolled in QUEST and Medicaid fee-for-service  
19 programs to 28,000; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the services provided by HAWAII COVERING KIDS are  
22 funded by AlohaCare, the HMSA Foundation, Department of Human  
23 Services, NFL Pro Bowl Charities, Oahu Visitor Industry Charity  
24 Walk, Safeway Foundation, and Verizon Foundation; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the overall decline of uninsured children between  
27 the ages of 0 and 18 can be attributed to organizations such as  
28 HAWAII COVERING KIDS, which provide comprehensive outreach,  
29 planning, coordination, and application assistance to families  
30 who seek health insurance coverage for their children; now,  
31 therefore,  
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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
34 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
35 Session of 2007, that this body hereby commends and applauds  
36 HAWAII COVERING KIDS for their accomplishments in reducing the



number of uninsured children and youth in the state, expresses deep appreciation for their assistance in enrolling Hawaii's children and youth in Quest and Medicaid fee-for-service programs, and extends to them its warmest aloha, and sincere wishes for continued success in the future.

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