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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Proper dental care is a vital health concern that
3 is overlooked by or unavailable to many Americans; a lack of
4 routine oral health care can lead to serious consequences,
5 including severe tooth decay, gum disease, and potentially
6 deadly infections; unchecked dental problems can also increase
7 the risk of serious and chronic health conditions, such as
8 diabetes and heart disease; and

9 WHEREAS, In June of 2012, United States Senator Bernie
10 Sanders (VT) introduced the Comprehensive Dental Reform Act of
11 2012 into the Senate; and

12 WHEREAS, The Comprehensive Dental Reform Act of 2012 seeks
13 to end the oral health crisis in America by expanding coverage,
14 creating new access points, enhancing the workforce, improving
15 education, and funding new research; the Act would extend
16 comprehensive dental health insurance to millions of Americans
17 who do not have coverage today, while increasing both the
18 number of places that would accept such coverage and the number
19 of qualified oral health care professionals in communities with
20 the greatest need for them; and

21 WHEREAS, The Comprehensive Dental Reform Act of 2012 would
22 also address the need to educate current and future oral health

1 care providers to better serve vulnerable populations and to
2 integrate oral health care into overall health care, as well as
3 authorize greater amounts of funding for research on prevention
4 and disease management techniques to improve oral health care
5 delivery and the oral health status of the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, The passage of the Comprehensive Dental Reform Act
7 of 2012 would be a step in the proper direction of ensuring
8 that all Americans can receive the quality, consistent health
9 care that they deserve; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we urge the President and Congress to pass H. 3272, the
13 Comprehensive Dental Reform Act of 2012; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 delivered to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United
16 States House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority
17 Leaders of the United States Senate, and the President of the
18 United States.