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### **Rep. Shuler Statement on his Support of the SCHIP Legislation**

*Washington, D.C.* – Representative Heath Shuler issued the following statement today after voting in favor of the reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

“Today, I was proud to join an overwhelming bipartisan majority of my colleagues in the House of Representatives in reauthorizing the State Children's Health Insurance Program and providing health care to more than 10 million American children. This legislation will secure the health care coverage millions of American children already have through the SCHIP program. Additionally, this bill will help enroll nearly 4 million children across America who are eligible for SCHIP coverage, but not currently enrolled. In North Carolina that means an additional 116,000 children will have the health coverage they need and deserve.”

“Our Nation has nearly 47 million citizens living without the health insurance they deserve -- of those, millions are children. I believe it is morally unacceptable for us, as a Nation, to allow these children to live without the ability to see a doctor when they are sick.”

“I voted against the original House version of this legislation, because it contained cuts to Medicare A and B that I thought were unnecessary. Those concerns have been addressed.”

“When given the choice between keeping the cost of cigarettes low and providing health care for our children, I choose our children.”

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