

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 105

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman COHEN

1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION memorializing Congress to enact HR 3286,
2 concerning tax incentives for prospective adoptive parents.

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4 WHEREAS, Currently there are 500,000 children in foster care throughout the
5 United States; 49% of those children are minorities. These children often
6 languish in foster homes, deprived of the unique bond shared by a parent
7 and child, whether natural or adoptive, causing them to develop emotional
8 and psychological problems and making it more difficult for them to grow
9 into healthy, productive and independent adults; and

10 WHEREAS, HR 3286, entitled the "Adoption Promotion and Stability Act of
11 1996," now pending in the United States House of Representatives,
12 provides tax credits for families who are interested in adopting special
13 needs children; and

14 WHEREAS, Only about 50,000 adoptions are approved each year in this
15 country, some of them at exorbitant costs. This makes it more difficult for
16 individuals, interested in providing stable and loving homes to children in
17 foster care, to adopt. Tax credits would help prospective adoptive families
18 defray adoption costs and create a system where no child is denied access
19 to loving parents and a healthy home; and

20 WHEREAS, It is the obligation of the federal government to remove all barriers
21 to the adoption process so children do not have to wait to be placed in
22 permanent homes; HR 3286 would provide incentives to make it easier
23 for families to adopt children in need; now, therefore,

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25 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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27 1. The Congress of the United States is respectfully memorialized to enact
28 HR 3286, entitled the "Adoption Promotion and Stability Act of 1996," which
29 provides tax credits for families who are interested in adopting special needs
30 children.

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32 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
33 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted
34 to the presiding officers of the Congress of the United States and each
35 member of New Jersey's Congressional delegation.

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STATEMENT

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5 This Assembly Resolution memorializes Congress to enact HR 3286,
6 concerning tax incentives to prospective adoptive families. Currently there are
7 500,000 children in foster care throughout the United States and only 50,000
8 adoptions are approved each year, some of them at exorbitant costs. HR
9 3286, the "Adoption Promotion and Stability Act of 1996," would provide tax
10 credits for families who are interested in adopting special needs children,
11 making it easier for them to adopt and helping to create a system where no
12 child is denied access to loving parents and a healthy home.

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18 Memorializes Congress to enact HR 3286, concerning tax incentives for
prospective adoptive parents.

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