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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 105

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman COHEN

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

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

11 WHEREAS, ¹[HR 3286, entitled the "Adoption Promotion and Stability Act of
12 1996," now pending in the United States House of Representatives,
13 provides tax credits for families who are interested in adopting special
14 needs children; and

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

21 WHEREAS, It is the obligation of the federal government to remove all barriers
22 to the adoption process so children do not have to wait to be placed in
23 permanent homes; ¹[HR 3286] legislation would provide incentives to
24 make it easier for families to adopt children in need; now, therefore,

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

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28 1. The Congress of the United States is respectfully memorialized to enact
29 ¹[HR 3286, entitled the "Adoption Promotion and Stability Act of 1996,"]

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ACO committee amendments adopted March 3, 1997.

1 legislation¹ which provides tax credits for families who are interested in
2 adopting special needs children.

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

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12 Memorializes Congress to enact legislation providing tax incentives for
13 prospective adoptive parents.

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