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Introduced by:  
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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S SUBSIDIZED  
GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, Connecticut's subsidized guardianship program  
2 provides an important road to permanence for abused and neglected  
3 children in state custody for whom adoption is not an appropriate  
4 alternative; and

5 WHEREAS, more than two thousand children have found  
6 permanent homes in Connecticut with loving and caring relatives  
7 through subsidized guardianship instead of lingering in long-term  
8 foster care; and

9 WHEREAS, Connecticut has provided the sole funding for this vital  
10 program because the federal government has failed to include  
11 subsidized guardianship as a reimbursable expense under its Title IV-  
12 E of the Social Security Act foster care program; and

13 WHEREAS, the lack of federal funding for children who exit foster  
14 care into subsidized guardianship makes the program more vulnerable

15 than the federally funded partnership that supports adoption  
16 assistance and foster care programs; and

17 WHEREAS, allowing federal Title IV-E foster care funds to be used  
18 for subsidized guardianship programs would help more children to  
19 exit foster care into safe permanent homes with relatives and allow  
20 other funds to be utilized more equitably among the full range of child  
21 welfare services.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut  
23 General Assembly calls upon the Congress of the United States to  
24 make federal Title IV-E funds available to all states to establish or  
25 expand subsidized guardianship programs as a permanency option for  
26 abused and neglected children.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the House of  
28 Representatives and the Senate cause a copy of this resolution to be  
29 sent to each member of the Connecticut congressional delegation.