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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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1 A Concurrent Resolution requesting that the
2 legislative council establish a family and work
3 forum to bring together a diverse group of
4 legislators, community leaders, and other interests
5 to explore new approaches for supporting families
6 in the evolving economy.

7 WHEREAS, there is strong interest in the public
8 policy goals of promoting safer communities, stronger
9 families, and more successful children; and

10 WHEREAS, to achieve these goals, new strategies and
11 approaches are needed that allow families to better
12 balance the duties and responsibilities of work and
13 raising children; and

14 WHEREAS, new approaches have been suggested
15 involving the important role of schools in the lives
16 of families, including better alignment of school
17 schedules and work schedules, funding for before and
18 after school programs, and making each neighborhood
19 school a resource center for families; and

20 WHEREAS, quality child care is a key service that
21 is necessary for parents to be able to work
22 successfully, and new approaches have been offered for
23 support of child care at the work site and away from
24 the work site, for services directed to infants and
25 very young children, and for services provided during
26 evening and nighttime work shifts; and

27 WHEREAS, family and medical leave provisions have
28 expanded employer support for families and new
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1 approaches have been proposed to provide leave for
2 employees who care for a sick child or elderly person,
3 for medical appointments, and for parents to attend
4 school programs, teacher conferences, and graduation
5 ceremonies; and

6 WHEREAS, new approaches have been suggested to
7 expand flexibility in employee scheduling, including
8 staggered hour systems, variable scheduling such as
9 meal period flex time, job sharing arrangements and
10 part-time work with prorated benefits, the use of
11 telecommuting, and compressing work week schedules;
12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING, That the legislative council is
15 requested to establish a family and work forum to
16 bring together a diverse group of community leaders
17 and interests to explore new approaches for supporting
18 families in the evolving economy by considering the
19 approaches described in this resolution and other new
20 public policy approaches that promote safer
21 communities, stronger families, and more successful
22 children; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the family and work
24 forum membership should be appointed to include
25 legislators, several parents so that families with
26 children of various ages are represented, leaders of
27 both large and small businesses, local officials from
28 communities of various population levels, nonprofit
29 organizations that work with children and families,
30 and representatives of financial institutions; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the forum be directed
2 to make recommendations to the general assembly for
3 implementation during the 2002 legislative session.

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