

1 [Resolution urging Congress to extend unemployment benefits]

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3 **Resolution urging Congress to extend unemployment benefits to those who qualify.**

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5 WHEREAS, the temporary 13 weeks of unemployment benefits extended by  
6 Congress earlier this year are due to expire on December 28, 2002; and

7 WHEREAS, the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress adjourned for the year on Friday, November 22, 2002  
8 without extending unemployment benefits for nearly 1 million jobless workers whose  
9 payments will be cut off during the holiday season; and

10 WHEREAS, about 830,000 people nationwide and up to 300,000 California residents  
11 will be cut off from the unemployment rolls at that point; and

12 WHEREAS, an additional 95,000 jobless who exhaust their state benefits each week  
13 thereafter will get no federal aid; and

14 WHEREAS, both houses approved bills to extend the benefits, but the Senate and  
15 House could not reconcile their differences between their two versions; and,

16 WHEREAS, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas said he has been assured  
17 the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress will extend the benefits after it convenes on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003 and make  
18 up for any payments that are lost in the meantime; and

19 WHEREAS, this failure of Congress to extend the benefits will have a devastating  
20 affect on San Francisco at the local level if they are not extended further, now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress to pass an  
22 extension of unemployment benefits as soon as possible after convening on January 7<sup>th</sup>,  
23 2003.

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