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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVES MORRELL, HONEY, AND HUDSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the United States Congress to provide sufficient funding for full implementation of the "No Child Left Behind Act" of 2001.

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the "No Child Left Behind Act" of 2001 (NCLB), which requires the development of state educational standards, tests to measure against those standards, and collection and reporting of testing data; and

WHEREAS, NCLB contains several very expensive mandates for which congress has not provided adequate funds to the states; and

WHEREAS, costs to individual states associated with NCLB mandates result from implementing assessment and accountability systems, data collection, teacher quality requirements, and new standards for paraprofessionals, among additional factors; and

WHEREAS, many of the mandates inherent in NCLB inflict costs on the states above what they receive in federal money, and unfunded mandates included in NCLB represent a serious imposition on individual states; and

WHEREAS, any federal mandate for which there are insufficient funds provided is sure to divert resources away from other laudable objectives of individual states; and

WHEREAS, adequate federal funding is a necessity if states are to fully meet the goals of NCLB.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the United States Congress to provide sufficient funding for full implementation of the "No Child Left Behind Act" of 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the president of the United States Senate, and each member of Louisiana's congressional delegation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE