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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to support an amendment to the proposed federal budget for Fiscal Year 2005 to fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

WHEREAS, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires all schools in the nation to meet high academic standards; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has worked diligently to meet the requirements of NCLB, creating a school accountability program that has been ranked the best in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the state's school accountability program is being implemented by city, parish, and other local school systems at considerable cost; and

WHEREAS, the burden of meeting new standards is falling on teachers and school employees; and

WHEREAS, city, parish, and other local school systems and their faculty and staff need and deserve adequate resources to accomplish the goals of NCLB; and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal budget for Fiscal Year 2005 shortchanges the promised funding for NCLB's Title I program by approximately six billion seven hundred million dollars, and the state of Louisiana will therefore receive one hundred sixty-four million four hundred thousand dollars less than initially promised by NCLB; and

WHEREAS, it is unreasonable to expect the state of Louisiana and city, parish, and other local school systems to meet federally imposed standards without federal appropriation of adequate funds to meet such standards.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to support an amendment to the proposed federal budget for Fiscal Year 2005 to fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies 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