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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution to request that the Congress of the United  
2 States safeguard Iowa's schools and students by maintaining  
3 funds allocated to Iowa under Chapter 1 of the federal  
4 Elementary and Secondary Education Act at current levels.  
5 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa supports the intent of the proposed  
6 federal Improving America's Schools Act of 1993 to reauthorize  
7 the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, but cannot  
8 support the federal legislation's proposed redistribution of  
9 Chapter 1 funds; and  
10 WHEREAS, while approximately 30,000 reading students and 8,000  
11 math students in this state are now served by Chapter 1, one of  
12 the most successful federal education programs, current federal  
13 funding levels are inadequate to serve thousands of other

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1 students who are eligible for Chapter 1 services; and

2 WHEREAS, the needs of Iowa's students and schools are  
3 increasing, and current federal funding levels are not sufficient  
4 to serve all of the students who are eligible for services; and

5 WHEREAS, the federal legislation as originally proposed would  
6 reduce Iowa's allocation of Chapter 1 funds from \$45,195,000 to  
7 \$29,175,000, a drastic cut that would leave 14,000 to 15,000  
8 students without the services of this successful program; and

9 WHEREAS, the federal legislation as originally proposed would  
10 cut Iowa's funding deeper than any other state's; and

11 WHEREAS, seventeen fewer Iowa counties would receive  
12 concentration grants under the federal legislation; and

13 WHEREAS, eighty-one of Iowa's 99 counties would suffer  
14 significantly reduced Chapter 1 funding levels if the federal  
15 legislation passes; and

16 WHEREAS, the ability of Iowa's schools to meet the state's  
17 high standards will be impaired if the federal legislation as  
18 originally proposed is enacted and the state's Chapter 1 funds  
19 are reduced by one-third; NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 That the General Assembly requests that the Congress of the  
2 United States safeguard Iowa's schools and enable Iowa's  
3 students to continue to meet the state's ever increasing high  
4 standards by maintaining the funds allocated to Iowa by  
5 Chapter 1 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education  
6 Act at current levels.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Iowa's congressional  
8 delegation, Senators Tom Harkin and Charles Grassley, and  
9 Representatives Neal Smith, Jim Leach, Fred Grandy, Jim Ross  
10 Lightfoot, and Jim Nussle, take the lead in preserving Iowa's  
11 present Chapter 1 funding levels.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk send copies of  
13 this Resolution to the President of the United States, the  
14 Secretary of the United States Department of Education, the  
15 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
16 United States House of Representatives, the Chairperson of the  
17 Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the United States  
18 Senate, the Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Education, Arts  
19 and Humanities of the United States Senate, the Chairperson of  
20 the Committee on Education and Labor of the United States  
21 House of Representatives, the Chairperson of the Subcommittee  
22 on Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education of the  
23 United States House of Representatives, the Chairpersons of  
24 the Committees on Appropriations of the United States Senate  
25 and House of Representatives, and Iowa's congressional  
26 delegation.

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EXPLANATION

28 This joint resolution requests that the Congress of the  
29 United States safeguard Iowa's students and schools by  
30 maintaining Iowa's share of funds under Chapter 1 of the  
31 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act at current  
32 levels. Chapter 1 of the federal Elementary and Secondary  
33 Education Act is a program that distributes money based on  
34 economic factors, and permits schools to provide low-income  
35 students with instructional or remedial services in math,

1 reading, and language. Approximately 30,000 Iowa reading  
2 students and 8,000 Iowa math students now are served by  
3 Chapter 1, but current funding levels are not adequate to  
4 serve all of the eligible students in Iowa. The proposed  
5 federal legislation, the Improving America's Schools Act of  
6 1993, would reduce Iowa's future Chapter 1 funding to two-  
7 thirds of the current funding level.

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