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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

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3 A Concurrent Resolution encouraging the federal
4 government to ease restrictions on the immediate
5 removal from the classroom of students behaving
6 violently or disruptively and requesting an
7 appropriation increase to assist in establishing
8 alternative education programs.

9 WHEREAS, teachers cannot perform their jobs
10 effectively and students' learning abilities are
11 impaired when other students chronically or severely
12 disrupt class, sometimes to the point of endangering
13 the health and safety of teachers and students; and

14 WHEREAS, federal laws and regulations seemingly
15 ignore the rights of the students who choose to attend
16 school, focus on their education, and learn in a civil
17 environment; and

18 WHEREAS, schools are exposed to lawsuits from
19 parents who fear for their children's safety in
20 classrooms where disruptive and possibly violent
21 behavior must be tolerated because of federal laws and
22 regulations; and

23 WHEREAS, changes resulting from the enactment of
24 the revised Individuals with Disabilities Education
25 Act (IDEA), Pub. L. No. 105-17, improve the plight of
26 students, teachers, and administrators who wish to
27 learn and work in a safe environment, but do not solve
28 problems associated with disruptive behavior in the
29 classroom; and

30 WHEREAS, students who exhibit violent or

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1 chronically disruptive behavior need the special
2 attention an alternative education program can
3 provide; NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the federal executive
6 branch and Congress are encouraged and requested to
7 ease the restrictions on the immediate removal of
8 students behaving violently or disruptively from the
9 classroom; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the federal
11 administration and Congress are also encouraged and
12 requested to increase IDEA appropriations to assist
13 states in establishing alternative education programs
14 for violent students; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage by both
16 the Senate and the House of Representatives, that
17 copies of this resolution be delivered to the
18 President of the United States, the members of Iowa's
19 congressional delegation, and United States Secretary
20 of Education Richard W. Riley or his successor.

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