

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 124

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2 BY WISE, FOEGE, CONNORS, MURPHY, SMITH, QUIRK,
3 REASONER, T. TAYLOR, HUNTER, OLDSON, DANDEKAR, JACOBY,
4 STEVENS, WENDT, FREVERT, GREIMANN, BELL, D. TAYLOR,
5 SHOULTZ, WHITAKER, HOGG, COHOON, FALLON, STRUYK,
6 GASKILL, SWAIM, HUSER, WINCKLER, and BUKTA
7 A Resolution encouraging the President of the United
8 States to take swift action to remove Rod Paige
9 from the position of United States Secretary
10 of Education.
11 WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Education
12 is the leader for federal education policy issues; and
13 WHEREAS, every State in the Union is in the middle
14 of implementing one of the more far-reaching federal
15 mandates designed to improve student achievement; and
16 WHEREAS, the United States is a democracy that
17 requires leadership to bring people with differing
18 views together, rather than a government that works to
19 divide its people; and
20 WHEREAS, U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige
21 recently alienated millions of educators and 2.7
22 million teachers in the National Education Association
23 by making inappropriate comments during a private
24 meeting with governors at the White House; and
25 WHEREAS, efforts to change the federal policies
26 that impact the education of children in our public
27 schools should not be considered an act of terrorism;
28 and
29 WHEREAS, a number of Representatives and Senators
30 of the Iowa General Assembly are members of the

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1 National Education Association and are loyal to the
2 principles of America's representative democracy; and

3 WHEREAS, Secretary Rod Paige's apology to the
4 members of the National Education Association failed
5 to repudiate the content of his inappropriate
6 comments; and

7 WHEREAS, Secretary Rod Paige has repeatedly made
8 inaccurate and unfair statements about Iowa's
9 implementation of federal law regarding education
10 policy; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
12 That the President of the United States, George W.
13 Bush, is urged to take swift action to remove Rod
14 Paige from the position of United States Secretary of
15 Education; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
17 House of Representatives transmit copies of this
18 Resolution to the President of the United States, and
19 to the President of the United States Senate, the
20 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
21 the members of Iowa's congressional delegation, and
22 the United States Secretary of Education, that they
23 may be apprised of the sense of the Iowa House of
24 Representatives in this matter.

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