

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24
2 BY WISE, FOEGE, BUKTA, MYERS, STEVENS,
3 QUIRK, WHITAKER, WHITEAD, WENDT, GASKILL,
4 FREVERT, BERRY, MILLER, SMITH, GREIMANN,
5 HEDDENS, McCARTHY, D. TAYLOR, MURPHY,
6 MASCHER, SHOULTZ, OLDSOON, REASONER, SWAIM,
7 LENSING, HOGG, DAVITT, OSTERHAUS, WINCKLER,
8 JOCHUM, HUNTER, STRUYK, T. TAYLOR, CONNORS,
9 DANDEKAR, PETERSEN, D. OLSON, LYKAM, and
10 FALLON
11 A Resolution requesting Iowa's congressional
12 delegation to work to secure adequate funding for
13 mandates required under the federal "No Child Left
14 Behind Act of 2001".
15 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush signed into law
16 the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) on January
17 8, 2002; and
18 WHEREAS, the goals of the NCLB legislation are
19 laudable and Iowans embrace the conviction that all
20 children should have an equal opportunity to obtain a
21 high-quality education; and
22 WHEREAS, Iowa's commitment to providing all of its
23 children with a high-quality education is evidenced by
24 the fact that nearly 90 percent of Iowa's schools
25 score above the national median on nationally
26 standardized tests; and
27 WHEREAS, this commitment begins at the local level
28 with school districts and schools setting challenging
29 local academic standards and continues with the
30 state's dedication to assisting local schools through

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1 the Iowa Early Intervention Program enacted in 1999
2 and the Student Achievement and Teacher Quality
3 Program enacted in 2001, which continue to provide
4 valuable support to school districts and schools
5 today; and

6 WHEREAS, federal funding for the NCLB represents
7 approximately 3.6 percent of Iowa's total school
8 district funding for education utilized in a school
9 year; and

10 WHEREAS, the federal government has neglected to
11 provide funding for the NCLB's mandated requirements
12 related to supplementary services, transportation
13 costs associated with moving students from buildings
14 in need of assistance to buildings making annual
15 progress, additional data collection, and professional
16 development for teachers in schools determined to be
17 in need of assistance; and

18 WHEREAS, state budget gaps have grown by 50 percent
19 this winter and state policymakers will need to
20 resolve unprecedented budget shortfalls, according to
21 a report released February 4, 2003, by the National
22 Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); and

23 WHEREAS, the latest NCSL survey reports that two-
24 thirds of the states must reduce their budgets by
25 nearly \$26 billion between February 2003 and June 30,
26 2003, and states addressed a \$49.1 billion shortfall
27 in budgeting for FY 2003; and

28 WHEREAS, according to NCSL, state legislatures face
29 a minimum \$68.5 billion budget shortfall for FY 2004;
30 and

1 WHEREAS, Iowa's economy is not growing enough to
2 generate adequate funding to improve our education
3 system and the NCLB requirements create not only
4 another level of mandates lacking the resources to
5 bring about the level of success required, but could
6 actually result in a shift of vital instructional
7 dollars for NCLB purposes that are unlikely to enhance
8 student achievement or teacher quality; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
10 That the Iowa House of Representatives requests Iowa's
11 elected representatives in the United States Congress,
12 in particular Senator Chuck Grassley, Chair of the
13 Committee on Finance, and Representative Jim Nussle,
14 Chair of the House Budget Committee, to support, work
15 to pass, and vote for adequate funding for mandates
16 required under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
18 Resolution be sent to the members of Iowa's
19 congressional delegation.

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