

House Resolution 112 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY WISE and LUKAN
1 3 A Resolution to support the Strong American Schools
1 4 Campaign, a nonpartisan project of Rockefeller
1 5 Philanthropy Advisors.
1 6 WHEREAS, throughout our state's history, the people
1 7 of Iowa have always made education a priority; and
1 8 WHEREAS, Iowans' resolve for student achievement
1 9 through learning and performance have made Iowa's
1 10 educational system among the most successful in the
1 11 nation; and
1 12 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has made the commitment
1 13 to place good teachers in its classrooms and to
1 14 provide its children with the skills necessary to be
1 15 successful in their community and the workforce; and
1 16 WHEREAS, the prospects of our nation and our
1 17 children depend on the strength of its schools in a
1 18 time of change when competition in the world is
1 19 demanding that Iowans do more to better prepare their
1 20 children to compete in today's high-tech global
1 21 economy; and
1 22 WHEREAS, America's schools are not keeping pace
1 23 with the demands of today's world, often failing to
1 24 prepare students for college and for careers; and
1 25 WHEREAS, our nation's prosperity is increasingly
1 26 dependent on its workers' skill levels and knowledge,
1 27 and unless there is dramatic improvement, according to
1 28 an analysis by the Alliance for Excellent Education,
1 29 more than 12 million students will drop out of school
1 30 nationwide over the next decade, resulting in a \$3
2 1 trillion blow to our nation's economy; and
2 2 WHEREAS, when compared to 29 other member countries
2 3 of the Organisation of Economic Co-Operation and
2 4 Development, United States 15-year-old students rank
2 5 15th in reading, 18th in science, 24th in problem
2 6 solving, and 24th in mathematics as measured by the
2 7 Programme for International Student Assessment in
2 8 2003; and
2 9 WHEREAS, over two-thirds of new jobs in America's
2 10 economy require a postsecondary education as stated by
2 11 United States Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao in
2 12 2006; and
2 13 WHEREAS, millions of Americans live in poverty, and
2 14 while other factors contribute to the problems created
2 15 by living in poverty, education is integral to
2 16 improving economic opportunity in America; and
2 17 WHEREAS, if elected officials truly want to end
2 18 poverty, they must provide all students access to
2 19 strong K=12 schools; NOW THEREFORE,
2 20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 21 That the House of Representatives supports the Strong
2 22 American Schools Campaign and recognizes the need for
2 23 leadership at the local, state, and national levels in
2 24 order to improve this nation's schools.
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