

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6019

A RESOLUTION memorializing the United States Congress, the United States Department of Education and the Kansas State Board of Education concerning the No Child Left Behind Act.

WHEREAS, The Kansas House of Representatives believes that the federal mandate of no child left behind has caused undue pressure and unfair criticism of the students, teachers and administrators of our Kansas schools; and

WHEREAS, Everyone hopes that every child will attain 100% proficiency in their studies, but it is the belief of the Kansas House of Representatives that the establishment of the deadline that by 2014 100% proficiency will be met by all students in the areas the federal government has deemed appropriate is unreasonable and unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, Kansas students have high test scores that continue to rise. Each school in the state has met accreditation standards, and progress is being made in closing achievement gaps. The federal government has created a system for schools, teachers and students to be labeled as failures while every measure of improvement is showing that improvement is being accomplished; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas House of Representatives requests that the Kansas State Board of Education not adopt the federal mandate of 100% proficiency by the 2014 deadline. The Kansas House of Representatives requests that the Kansas State Board of Education create a mechanism of performance targets in reading, writing, mathematics, history, government and science that will help students achieve 100% of their potential. The Kansas House of Representatives commends the state board of education for unanimously voting to develop a student longitudinal data base; and

WHEREAS, The people of the state of Kansas believe in a quality education for every child. Kansas has maintained and will continue to maintain high expectations for its educational system. The Kansas House of Representatives believes it is demeaning to have a system whereby a student, teacher or school is deemed a failure, and that the federal government is being unreasonable in its refusal to modify the No Child Left Behind Act: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we urge the United States Department of Education, the Kansas State Board of Education and the Congress of the United States to address the issues contained in this resolution, and to make changes and permit flexibility that will ensure success for schools, teachers and students; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Education, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Kansas legislative delegation and the Chairperson of the Kansas State Board of Education.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*