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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE  
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE RIGHT OF  
ALL UNITED STATES CITIZENS TO A PUBLIC EDUCATION OF EQUAL  
HIGH QUALITY.

1           WHEREAS, United States Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.  
2 has introduced a resolution proposing an amendment to the  
3 Constitution of the United States to guarantee to all citizens  
4 the right to a public education of equal high quality; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the education of children is of utmost importance  
7 in a functioning democracy; and  
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9           WHEREAS, many disenfranchised Americans today do not  
10 receive an education of equal high quality; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human  
13 Rights adopted by the General Assembly in 1948 enshrines the  
14 right to education as a fundamental human right "directed to the  
15 full development of the human personality and to the  
16 strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental  
17 freedoms"; and  
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19           WHEREAS, education is critical to the engagement and  
20 participation in activities that are the building blocks of  
21 peace, security, and prosperity, both at home and abroad; and  
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23           WHEREAS, education provides vital exposure to differing  
24 cultures and philosophies which promotes understanding,  
25 tolerance, and friendship among peoples of all nations, racial,  
26 and religious groups; and  
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28           WHEREAS, the United States is a Member State of the United  
29 Nations; and  
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31           WHEREAS, transforming the human right to education into an  
32 American constitutional right would expand educational access



1 for the large number of Americans who go without an equal high  
2 quality education; and

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4 WHEREAS, a constitutional right to education would lead to  
5 the establishment of remedies for denials of this right; and  
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7 WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 29, introduced into the  
8 United States House of Representatives, reads as follows:  
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10 "Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
11 United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of  
12 each House concurring therein), that the following article is  
13 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
14 States, which shall be valid for all intents and purposes as  
15 part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of  
16 three-fourths of the several States:  
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18 'Article

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20 SECTION 1. All persons shall enjoy the right to a public  
21 education of equal high quality.  
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23 SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce and  
24 implement this article by appropriate legislation.'"; now,  
25 therefore,  
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature of the  
30 State of Hawaii hereby urges that the proposed United States  
31 House Joint Resolution 29, dated March 2, 2005, be adopted; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the  
35 United States House of Representatives and to the members of  
36 Hawaii's delegation to the Congress of the United States.  
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