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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION REQUIRING FULL FUNDING OF  
THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965 AND THE  
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT.

1           WHEREAS, children are our nation's future and greatest  
2 treasure; and

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4           WHEREAS, high-quality education is the surest way for every  
5 child to reach his or her full potential; and

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7           WHEREAS, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965  
8 (ESEA), re-authorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001  
9 (NCLB) was the most sweeping revision of education policy in a  
10 generation; and

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12           WHEREAS, despite the financial obligations that accompany  
13 implementation of the widespread changes required by NCLB, the  
14 measure was funded with only \$23,510,000,000, \$13,360,000,000  
15 short of its 2006 authorized level, and resulting in 3,100,000  
16 students not receiving the Title I help they were promised; and

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18           WHEREAS, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
19 (IDEA) guarantees children with disabilities a free and  
20 appropriate public education; and

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22           WHEREAS, although IDEA required Congress to provide 40  
23 percent of the national current average per pupil expenditure  
24 for special education students, the measure was only funded with  
25 \$10,700,000,000 in state grants, or only 18 percent; and

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27           WHEREAS, state and local budgets have been forced to absorb  
28 the funding shortfalls resulting from these partially-funded  
29 mandates; and

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# H.C.R. NO. 162

1 WHEREAS, in 2007, the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress introduced the Keep Our  
 2 Promise to America's Children and Teachers Act (H.R. 627) to  
 3 require full funding of ESEA and IDEA, but the measure did not  
 4 pass; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 7 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 8 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that Congress is urged  
 9 to pass legislation requiring full funding of the Elementary and  
 10 Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the Individuals With  
 11 Disabilities Education Act, as provided by in H.R. 627; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional  
 15 Delegation, the Governor, the Chairperson of the Board of  
 16 Education, and the Superintendent of Education.

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