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H.C.R. No. 119

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary  
2 Education Act, currently termed the No Child Left Behind Act of  
3 2001, is now more than five years past due, and the most recent  
4 revision of the law was passed over 12 years ago; and

5 WHEREAS, The State of Texas, Texas school districts, and  
6 Texas campuses need federal education policy that allows for state  
7 and local control in order to best educate the five million  
8 schoolchildren of Texas, a vast and varied group of young people who  
9 will not succeed under a one-size-fits-all approach; and

10 WHEREAS, The current mandate to test every child every year  
11 in grades 3-8 and again in grades 9-11 promotes teaching to the  
12 test, and it has narrowed the curriculum, prevented the  
13 implementation of efficiencies in state budgeting with regard to  
14 testing and accountability, and caused local educational agencies  
15 to dedicate an excessive number of days to standardized testing  
16 that would be better spent educating students; and

17 WHEREAS, Both the U.S. House Education and the Workforce  
18 Committee and the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education,  
19 Labor, and Pensions passed bills to reauthorize the current  
20 education law during the previous Congress, and the house and  
21 senate are equipped to debate their bills on the floors of their  
22 respective chambers and ultimately to reauthorize the law; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to rewrite the  
2 Elementary and Secondary Education Act in order to lessen the  
3 burden of over-testing and teaching to the test; and, be it further  
4       RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
5 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
6 the president of the Senate and speaker of the House of  
7 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
8 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
9 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a  
10 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.