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3 By Senator Ross
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4 ENROLLED, SJR159,

5 URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, IN THE
6 COURSE OF REAUTHORIZING THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
7 ACT (ESEA), TO DIRECT FEDERAL FUNDING THEREUNDER IN ACCORDANCE
8 WITH CURRENT FUNDING FORMULAE.

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10 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States is in the
11 process of reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary
12 Education Act (ESEA), more commonly referred to as "No Child
13 Left Behind"; and

14 WHEREAS, the Alabama Association of School Boards,
15 the Alabama Education Association, the Council for Leaders in
16 Alabama Schools, and the School Superintendents of Alabama
17 have common concerns regarding this reauthorization; and

18 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature maintains that
19 states, not the federal government, have principal
20 responsibility and sufficient flexibility to develop standards
21 of student learning and coordinate a broad range of
22 evidence-based activities by which those measures are
23 determined; and

24 WHEREAS, federal, state, and local data collection
25 must be coordinated to meet the instructional needs of

1 teachers and principals, as well as the need for information
2 and transparency among policymakers, parents, and community
3 members; the ESEA must invest not only in state longitudinal
4 data systems, but also in local data systems, as school
5 districts work to come into compliance with state systems; and

6 WHEREAS, local school systems currently employ over
7 5,800 education personnel with funds appropriated through
8 federal grants; and

9 WHEREAS, the Alabama education community and the
10 members of this body strongly support the continuation of
11 awarding federal grants through formulae and not a competitive
12 grant process, which would further handicap Alabama's
13 financially strapped local school systems; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby urge and exhort the
16 Congress of the United States, in the course of reauthorizing
17 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, to draw from the
18 experiences of local educators who know students best and
19 focus the limited federal dollars that will be directed to the
20 State of Alabama on areas that will be best served through
21 current funding formulae, rather than competitive grants,
22 which lead to inequality and are not financially stable under
23 the present economic climate.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
2 resolution shall be provided to each member of Alabama's
3 Congressional delegation.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
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