

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6028

By Representatives Yonally, Barbieri-Lightner, Beggs, Bethell, Boyer, Campbell, Cox, Crow, Decker, Gordon, Hill, Holland, Horst, Huff, Huntington, Jack, Kassebaum, Light, Neighbor, O'Malley, Reardon, Reitz, Sawyer, S. Sharp, Showalter, Storm, Svaty, Thimesch and Yoder

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12 A RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the United States re-
13 garding the No Child Left Behind Act.

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15 WHEREAS, The state of Kansas fully supports and actively pursues
16 the goal of No Child Left Behind; and

17 WHEREAS, We welcome the additional support No Child Left Be-
18 hind has brought to focus on quality education, the improvements needed
19 to reach all children and the urgency nationwide to close achievement
20 gaps but we need a feasible and fair accountability system; and

21 WHEREAS, There are four major areas in regulations and law, that
22 if improved, will support successful implementation of No Child Left
23 Behind:

24 Some students with disabilities have cognitive disabilities that prevent
25 them from succeeding and therefore need more appropriate measures
26 for accountability;

27 Students with limited English proficiency are in their program because
28 they cannot speak, read or write English and therefore need more ap-
29 propriate measures for accountability;

30 The Act imposes significant costs on the state, including statewide pro-
31 fessional development and the administration of newly developed assess-
32 ments, and on local school district and teachers and paraprofessionals, for
33 tasks including the funding of staff development, certification upgrades
34 and coursework;

35 All students, all schools, and all districts do not improve on a uniform
36 basis: Now, therefore,

37 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kan-*
38 *sas:* That we urge the United States Department of Education and the
39 Congress of the United States to address the issues contained in this
40 resolution and to make changes and permit flexibility that will ensure
41 successful implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act; and

42 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Repre-
43 sentatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of

1 the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Ed-
2 ucation, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the
3 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each mem-
4 ber of the Kansas legislative delegation.