

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1006

Introduced by: Representatives Howard, Beal, Brunner, Dennert, Frye-Mueller, Glanzer, Goodwin, Gross, Jensen (Kevin), Johnson (Chris), Latterell, Livermont, Marty, Mills, Miskimins, Mulally, Otten (Herman), Pischke, Qualm, Randolph, Rasmussen, Steele, Weis, and Willadsen and Senators Nelson, Blare, Bolin, DiSanto, Greenfield (Brock), Jensen (Phil), Maher, Russell, Stalzer, Steinhauer, and Sutton

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Instructing South Dakota's congressional representatives
2 to support an effort in Congress to terminate the U.S. Department of Education.

3 WHEREAS, neither the Congress nor the President, through his appointees, has the
4 authority under the United States Constitution to dictate how and what children must learn in
5 school; and

6 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education was established in 1979 as a political move
7 to assist in the re-election bid of James Earl Carter, Jr.; and

8 WHEREAS, the Republican Party takes a position against federal involvement in education,
9 stating in their platform: "The federal government should not be a partner in that effort, as the
10 Constitution gives it no role in education," and further rejects "...the dark view of the individual
11 as human capital - a possession for the creation of another's wealth"; and

12 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education employs over four thousand five hundred
13 bureaucrats whose salaries average one hundred five thousand dollars per year; and



1 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education exercises dictatorial control over state and
2 local schools through controversial, expensive, and experimental education schemes, such as
3 Common Core Standards and the recent Every Student Succeeds Act; and

4 WHEREAS, the intellectual and moral development of South Dakota children should not
5 be determined by unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.; and

6 WHEREAS, states and local communities are best positioned to design curricula that meet
7 the needs of local students; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Mike Rounds made abolishing the federal Department of Education
9 a central campaign promise:

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
11 Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the United
12 States Congress pass H.R.899, as introduced by Congressman Thomas Massie of Kentucky's
13 Fourth Congressional District in the 116th Congress; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be formally transmitted to the
15 speaker and clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the president pro tempore
16 and the secretary of the United States Senate, and to the members of the South Dakota
17 congressional delegation.