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SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1006

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO RESCIND OR FULLY FUND UNFUNDED FEDERAL EDUCATION MANDATES.

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1 To the President and Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the Members of the Arizona legislature commend the federal
4 government for its laudable goal of leaving no child behind educationally;
5 and

6 Whereas, historically, education policy has been the jurisdiction of
7 states and local school districts; and

8 Whereas, the State of Arizona continues to struggle with tremendous
9 economic challenges, budget shortfalls and teacher shortages; and

10 Whereas, investment in education will generate economic growth and
11 contribute to the quality of life for every Arizona resident; and

12 Whereas, the student assessment requirements of the No Child Left
13 Behind Act (20 United States Code Sections 6301 through 6578) have broad
14 implications for state and local policymaking.

15 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
16 Representatives concurring, prays:

17 1. That the President and Congress of the United States take immediate
18 action to:

19 (a) Commit to mandatory full funding of the Individuals With
20 Disabilities Act (20 United States Code Sections 1400 through 1487),
21 consistent with a report published by the national school boards association
22 in March 2003 entitled "IDEA Funding: Time For A New Approach."

23 (b) Clarify the assessment of students with disabilities through
24 reauthorization of the Individuals With Disabilities Act.

25 (c) Work closely with the state department of education in Arizona to
26 address concerns with the No Child Left Behind Act, including waiver options,
27 modification of state plans and other implementation concerns.

28 (d) Ensure that definition of "highly qualified teachers" under the No
29 Child Left Behind Act and the Individuals With Disabilities Act do not
30 inadvertently exacerbate teacher shortages.

31 (e) Appropriate monies under the No Child Left Behind Act that are
32 sufficient to cover costs incurred by the State of Arizona as a result of the
33 No Child Left Behind Act.

34 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy
35 of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the
36 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
37 Representatives and to each member of Congress from the State of Arizona.