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Call Item ##  
  
HR 1023

5 By: Representatives Key, Borhauer, Bradford, Bright, Cowling, Dickinson, Edwards, Green, Hardwick,  
6 J. Johnson, Lamoureux, Matayo, Petrus, Verkamp, Walters  
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9 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

10 URGING THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO  
11 TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO ASSURE THAT  
12 FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WITH  
13 DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT ARE FULLY FUNDED,  
14 APPROPRIATED, AND MADE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS TO  
15 ENABLE THEM TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAMS THAT  
16 CONGRESS HAS REQUIRED OF SCHOOLS.

17 **Subtitle**

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19 DELEGATION TO FULLY FUND THE INDIVIDUALS  
20 WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT.  
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23 WHEREAS, the Arkansas General Assembly is currently trying to provide  
24 an adequate and equitable education to all of the children of Arkansas; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Eighty-Fourth Arkansas General Assembly appropriated and  
27 funded \$8,800,000 for high-cost special education students under SB42; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has never funded more than eighteen  
30 percent (18%) of the forty percent (40%) Congress originally promised to  
31 fund; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the schools and State of Arkansas are subsidizing this  
34 unfunded federal mandate in excess of over \$115,000,000 that could be used by  
35 the State of Arkansas to bring equity and adequacy to all of the children of  
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WHEREAS, at the current rate of funding increase to the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act the federal portion of funding will never be met; and

WHEREAS, schools across the United States are trying to meet the mandates of the No Child Left Behind Act which calls for schools to remediate all children and have them proficient before the year 2013,

NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Arkansas Congressional Delegation is hereby urged to take all appropriate actions to assure that the federal share of funds for Individuals With Disabilities Education Act are fully funded, appropriated, and made available to schools to enable them to implement the programs that Congress has required of schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy to each member of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.