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By: Representatives Mahony, J. Miller,
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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONSENSUS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE PULASKI COUNTY DESEGREGATION CASE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DOES NOT COMMIT THE STATE TO ANY ACTION CONCERNING PRIVATE SCHOOLS NOR DOES IT BAR FUTURE CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN PULASKI COUNTY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

The language in Section IV, Paragraph C, of the "Pulaski County Desegregation Case Settlement Agreement" regarding regulation of private schools merely reaffirms the state's historical position that the State Board of Education does not have the legal authority to regulate private schools. The intent of Paragraph C is to acknowledge that this issue was not resolved between the parties by the Settlement Agreement executed to dismiss the state as a defendant in the Little Rock School District v. Pulaski County Special School District. This section does not commit the state to any action.

The language in Section III, Paragraph J, of the "Pulaski County School Desegregation Case Settlement Agreement" regarding the status of the Pulaski County Special School District and the North Little Rock School District recognizes the present status of those two school districts. The language of Paragraph J does not commit the state to any action or inaction and does not bar future consolidation of either district by action of the General Assembly or by other lawful means.