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5 By: Representative C. Johnson  
6 By: Senators Argue, Wilkins, Steele

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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11 INSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED  
12 IN EDUCATION TO WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD THE  
13 STATE'S CAPACITY TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS' CHILDREN  
14 WITH AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN AN ADEQUATE  
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17 **Subtitle**

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26 WHEREAS, The Arkansas Supreme Court, in the decision of Lake View  
27 School District No. 25 v. Huckabee, 351 Ark. 31 (2002), declared the current  
28 system of public education in Arkansas to be both inequitable and inadequate;  
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31 WHEREAS, The Arkansas Supreme Court stated that it is the State's  
32 responsibility to assess, evaluate, and monitor, not only the lower  
33 elementary grades for English and math proficiency, but the entire spectrum  
34 of public education across the state to determine whether equal educational  
35 opportunity for an adequate education is being substantially afforded  
36 Arkansas' school children; and



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WHEREAS, The State has to find an efficient method to use its limited resources to create a system of public education as defined by Article 14, as amended, of the Arkansas Constitution within the restraints that have been placed on the state by both the current state of the economy and the Constitution of the State of Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That all state agencies, departments, institutions, and other organizations interested in education, are encouraged to work together to build the capacity of the state as a whole to provide the necessary infrastructure and resources to ensure all children are afforded an equal opportunity to obtain an adequate education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly encourages meetings, dialogue, and collaboration aimed toward providing innovative and efficient solutions among various state agencies, departments, institutions, and other organizations interested in education, specifically including, but not limited to:

- (1) The Department of Education;
- (2) The Department of Higher Education;
- (3) Department of Workforce Education;
- (4) The Department of Human Services;
- (5) Four-year colleges and universities;
- (6) Two-year colleges;
- (7) Technical institutes;
- (8) The Arkansas Education Association;
- (9) The Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;
- (10) The Arkansas School Boards Association;
- (11) Local school boards of directors; and
- (12) The Department of Information Systems.