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RESOLUTION: LIFTING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH ENHANCED LOCAL CONTROL

- WHEREAS,** the Colorado State Board of Education is committed to gaining for Colorado a significant voice in the 2007 reauthorization/redesign of federal educational accountability legislation (NCLB), and
- WHEREAS,** the Colorado State Board of Education believes that greater weight should be given to state and local control, and
- WHEREAS,** federal support for education in Colorado is small (8.5%) in comparison with state and local funds, and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. House of Representatives, in the current session of the 109th Congress, is considering a proposal to strengthen education reform and local control by giving volunteering states more flexibility to control federal education spending while demonstrating improved academic achievement for all students, and
- WHEREAS,** the Colorado State Board of Education believes that states which demonstrate the effectiveness of their own accountability system to improve academic achievement and close achievement gaps should enjoy enhanced freedom from prescriptive federal rules, therefore
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Colorado State Board of Education commits to entering into a dialogue with Colorado educators and citizens about Colorado's potential involvement in demonstration programs that give our state greater flexibility and more local authority in implementing federal education programs, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Colorado State Board of Education urges the U.S. Congress to favorably consider proposals giving our state

greater flexibility and more local authority in implementing federal education programs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of the Colorado Congressional delegation, to the chairs and ranking members of the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce and the U.S. Senate Education Committee, to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, to the Governor of Colorado, to the Speaker of the Colorado House, to the Colorado House Minority Leader, to the President of the Colorado Senate, to the Colorado Senate Minority Leader, to the chairs of the Colorado House and Senate Education Committees, to Colorado superintendents, and to members of other state boards of education.

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