

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1003

Introduced by: Representatives Bolin, Brunner, Campbell, Craig, DiSanto, Greenfield (Lana), Haggar (Don), Haugaard, Hickey, Kaiser, Klumb, Latterell, Marty, May, Qualm, Russell, Stalzer, Verchio, and Wiik and Senators Olson, Haggar (Jenna), Jensen (Phil), Omdahl, and Van Gerpen

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress and the President of the United States to  
2 abolish the United States Department of Education.

3 WHEREAS, public education was designed by the citizens of the United States to be a state  
4 and local matter; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education has become a bloated, intrusive  
6 agency that performs many functions that could be eliminated or performed by other agencies  
7 within the federal government; and

8 WHEREAS, many of the employees of the United States Department of Education are  
9 highly paid bureaucrats who directly educate no children in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan, during his presidency, called for the dismantling of  
11 the department; and U.S. Senator Mike Rounds, during his recent successful campaign, called  
12 for the abolition of the department; and

13 WHEREAS, the current federal deficit is over four hundred billion dollars, the current  
14 national debt of the federal government is over seventeen trillion dollars, and the need to



1 balance the federal budget is vitally important to the long-term economic health of our nation:  
2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth  
3 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota  
4 Legislature believes that education is a state and local matter that should be free of federal  
5 interference, and therefore, urges Congress and the President of the United States to abolish the  
6 United States Department of Education.