

STATE OF TEXAS§
COUNTY OF HARRIS §

RESOLUTION

Whereas, on January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (known as the *No Child Left Behind Act*), which applies to all school districts and schools within states that accept federal Title I dollars; and

Whereas, the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees supports the goals of raising student achievement, closing the achievement gap, and ensuring that each child has a highly qualified teacher; and

Whereas, the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees continues to welcome a state accountability system for improving student and school performance; and

Whereas, the current law has been acknowledged by Congressional leaders and the Secretary of Education as flawed; and

Whereas, the current law contains mandates and requirements that are ineffective and costly to local school districts; and

Whereas, the accountability provisions in the current law unfairly and inaccurately reflect the academic progress of students, schools, or school districts resulting in 48% of public schools labeled as "failing" by *No Child Left Behind* and subject to corrective sanctions that are costly and ineffective; and

Whereas, the current law has resulted in the mislabeling of students, schools, and districts and a significant and unwarranted decline in the public's opinion of our public schools; and

Whereas, the U. S. House and Senate Education committees have begun the legislative process with the passage of comprehensive bills to overhaul the current legislation, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees urges Texas U. S. Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison and our area U.S. House of Representatives Gene Green and Ted Poe to oppose any legislative attempt to continue federal requirements on individual public schools and public school districts, and be it further

Resolved, that we, the undersigned, strongly urge Congress to reauthorize ESEA now but include provisions that eliminate all federal labeling of individual schools and school districts and require individual states to have systems in place for accountability.

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