

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
4011

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on page 904 of the Senate Journal and page 1053 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4011 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "A concurrent resolution" replace the remainder of the resolution with "urging Congress to redefine the role and mission of the United States Department of Education and to clarify the department's relationship with the states.

WHEREAS, while Section VIII of Article I of the United States Constitution sets forth the enumerated powers given to Congress, the power to control or direct the education of this nation's children is not included therein; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution states that any powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people; and

WHEREAS, neither the words "education" nor "school" nor any of their derivatives are found in the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, education is indisputably a pillar of a free society, it is incumbent upon the federal government to recognize that the states are constitutionally responsible for the provision of education and it is incumbent upon the states to recognize that the challenges of the 21st Century are not local, regional, or even national, but global in scope and therefore require that states and the United States Department of Education work in concert with each other to ensure that children from every state in the union and all walks of life have access to a world class curriculum, taught by world class teachers, in a safe and secure environment that allows them to challenge their imaginations, to explore the world of knowledge, and to reach higher and farther than they or their parents ever dreamed possible;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH
DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to redefine the role and mission of the United States Department of Education so that it will function as a collaborating partner with the states in order to harness the maximum fiscal resources and to ensure that those resources are used effectively and efficiently at the state and local levels for the provision of educational services and opportunities to all children, as envisioned by the founding fathers, as supported by the residents of this and the other states, and as required by circumstances so that this great country is once again and unequivocally the global leader in educational achievement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States

Department of Education, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation."

Renumber accordingly