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8 SJR _____ URGING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REFRAIN FROM
9 ACCEPTING FEDERAL FUNDS TIED TO THE COMMON CORE STATE
10 STANDARDS INITIATIVE, FROM SHARING DATA COMPILED ON STUDENTS
11 OR TEACHERS, OR FROM CEDING CONTROL OVER THE DEVELOPMENT AND
12 REVISION OF SCHOOL STANDARDS TO ANY ENTITY OUTSIDE THE STATE;
13 AND URGING ALABAMA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO STAND AGAINST
14 ANY ATTEMPTS BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDITION THE
15 RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDING OR THE GRANT OF A FEDERAL WAIVER
16 UPON THE ADOPTION OF ANY STANDARDS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE
17 COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE.
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19 WHEREAS, on November 18, 2010, the State Board of
20 Education adopted the Common Core State Standards in English
21 Language Arts and Mathematics as the courses of study for
22 those subjects; and

23 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution wisely
24 leaves the setting of academic standards, curriculum, and
25 instruction to the states, and the State Board of Education is
26 charged with the general control and supervision of public
27 education in Alabama and the establishment of Alabama's

1 courses of study which contain Alabama's educational standards
2 by subject matter; and

3 WHEREAS, because it would be blatantly contrary to
4 Federalism and state autonomy for the federal government to
5 intrude upon the State Board of Education's right to establish
6 Alabama's educational curriculum and standards, the state must
7 preserve its rightful duty to determine what curriculum and
8 standards are best suited to promote the education of the
9 children in our state; and

10 WHEREAS, it has been reported that entities have
11 sought to obtain confidential information about students and
12 teachers under the guise of monitoring the effectiveness of
13 nationalized education standards; and

14 WHEREAS, the debate over who decides these
15 educational standards is of critical importance to every
16 Alabama family and is determinative of the future prosperity
17 of this state; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the State Board of
20 Education to take all steps necessary to refrain from
21 accepting any federal funds tied to the Common Core State
22 Standards Initiative.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge the State Board
24 of Education to take all steps necessary to refrain from
25 sharing any data compiled on students or teachers, whether
26 personally identifiable or aggregate, with any entity outside
27 the state beyond what is necessary for basic administrative

1 needs or compliance with requirements of the United States
2 Department of Education.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge the State Board
4 of Education not only to take all steps necessary to retain
5 sole control over the development and revision of school
6 standards but also to not cede any measure of such control to
7 any entity outside the state.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge Alabama's
9 Congressional Delegation to stand against any attempts by the
10 federal government to condition the receipt of federal funding
11 or the grant of a federal waiver upon the adoption of any
12 standards developed through the Common Core State Standards
13 Initiative.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
15 resolution be provided to the State Superintendant of
16 Education for distribution to the board.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
18 resolution be provided to the entire Alabama Congressional
19 Delegation.