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8 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE UNITED
9 STATES PRESIDENT TO REVIEW AND RECONSIDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF
10 THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE.
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12 WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards Initiative
13 (CCSSI) is an educational initiative in the United States that
14 details academic standards for K-12 students in English
15 language arts and mathematics for each grade; the initiative
16 is sponsored by the National Governors Association and the
17 Council of Chief State School Officers and seeks to establish
18 consistent educational standards across the states; and

19 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education is
20 empowered to establish curriculum standards for all K-12
21 public schools; a set of standards known as the Alabama
22 College and Career-Ready Standards for Mathematics and
23 English/Language Arts was adopted and initiated based on the
24 CCSSI; this is commonly referred to as the Common Core State
25 Standards; and

26 WHEREAS, relinquishing control of education to the
27 federal government enforces a one-size-fits-all curriculum

1 that ignores cultural differences among individuals and
2 students' educational needs; national standards do very little
3 to address local problems, fail to recognize differences in
4 learning styles, and emphasize rote learning and uniformity
5 over creativity; and

6 WHEREAS, it is desirable for states to return to
7 maintaining sole control over the development, establishment,
8 and revision of K-12 course of study standards without federal
9 control; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we strongly oppose the Common
12 Core State Standards Initiative, and urge the United States
13 Congress and President Donald Trump to review and reconsider
14 the requirements of the initiative and to summarily reject it.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
16 resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of the House of
17 Representatives to the President of the United States,
18 President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United
19 States House of Representatives, and each member of the
20 Alabama Congressional Delegation so that our strong sentiments
21 concerning this matter are known.