## 1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

May 20, 1999 – Introduced by Senators Robson, Chvala, Clausing, Cowles, Drzewiecki, Grobschmidt, Huelsman, Jauch, Lazich, Plache, Roessler, Rosenzweig and Wirch, cosponsored by Representatives Ott, Albers, Black, Bock, Coggs, Goetsch, Hahn, Hasenohrl, Ladwig, La Fave, Lassa, J. Lehman, Miller, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Owens, Plouff, Pocan, Ryba, Seratti, Sinicki, Spillner, Staskunas, Sykora, Turner, Wasserman and Young. Referred to Committee on Education.

**Relating to:** requesting Congress to meet its fiscal responsibility for the education 1 2 of children with disabilities. 3 Whereas, the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act mandates that children with disabilities, ages 3 through 21, receive a free appropriate public 4 5 education designed to meet their individual needs; and 6 Whereas, the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act establishes a 7 commitment to fund 40% of the cost of educating children with disabilities; and 8 Whereas, the federal government currently meets only 10% of the cost of 9 educating children with disabilities in Wisconsin; and 10 Whereas, the number of medically fragile children and those with special needs 11 is growing faster than the general K-12 enrollment; and 12 Whereas, Wisconsin school districts are increasingly forced to transfer dollars from regular education in order to fund the mandated special education services; 13

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now, therefore, be it

| Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the           |
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| Wisconsin legislature request Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to meet its |
| commitment of 40% support for the education of children with disabilities; and, be |
| it further   |
| Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint           |
| resolution to all of the members of this state's congressional delegation.         |
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