

**RESOLUTION**

**Establish a Non-Partisan, Community-Based, Statewide Task Force on Public Education**

A RESOLUTION TO: Establish a Non-Partisan, Community-Based, Statewide Task Force Charged with Analyzing Deficiencies and Problems in the Existing Public Education System of the State of Texas, and Developing Proposed Solutions for Same.

WHEREAS, There is no more critical element to the future success of our children and our grandchildren, nor to the survival of our nation as a whole, than a citizenry which possesses a superior education and is thereby able to make informed, rational and critical decisions and judgments; and it is widely acknowledged that the existing public education system of the State of Texas is inadequate in many respects, and fails to provide all students with a superior and equal education; and

WHEREAS, Efforts of prior state legislatures to address these failings have focused primarily on, and have viewed the problem primarily in terms of, funding for education; and, in approaching these issues from this limited perspective, prior state legislatures have not only failed to address the entirety of the system's problems and deficiencies but have also missed numerous opportunities to both improve the quality of public education as well as to address the funding problem; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a Task Force charged with addressing these issues in a non-partisan fashion, without restriction on the education-related matters they may consider, with adequate time (at least two years) and funding to do their work, and without undue influence from special interests (including the existing educational establishment) offers the best chance of fully exploring all of the relevant problems and opportunities and of developing a plan for the reformation of the public education system of the State of Texas so as to insure that it provides all students with a superior and equal education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 11<sup>th</sup>. Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80<sup>th</sup>. Texas Legislature establish and fund a non-partisan, community-based, statewide Task Force charged with analyzing the deficiencies and problems in the existing public education system of Texas, with developing one or more proposed solutions for the problems and deficiencies so identified, and with providing to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature a written report of their findings and recommendations.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006, by  
the Education Committee.

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Bobby Southwood, Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006, by  
the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

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Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

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Carlos Higgins, Secretary