

RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1986 convention delegates)

BILINGUAL/ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, There are a large number of children and youth who come from environments where the primary language is other than English and whose progress in regular school programs is hindered because of limited English language skills; and

WHEREAS, The dropout rate among children and youth of some different cultural backgrounds is disproportionately high in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, Bilingual/ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Programs can help reduce the dropout rate, the need for remedial programs, and the number of students needing special education; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA support Bilingual/ESOL Programs to meet the needs of these children and youth and to facilitate their integration into the regular school curriculum.