

## RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1985 convention delegates)

### COMPETENCY TESTING

- WHEREAS, The people are voicing the importance of finding a means to determine and assess the effectiveness of educational curricula and measuring outcomes; and
- WHEREAS, Upon completion of his/her education a student should be able to function well in today's society; and
- WHEREAS, Parents are urging that the focus of education be on high standards and high expectations, beyond minimum competency; and
- WHEREAS, Tests should not be punitive, but should aid the student in identifying educational strengths, weaknesses and needs, and be useful in individual educational planning; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the Colorado PTA urge that any attempt to set competency levels for students through testing be sensitive to individual student needs; and
- Resolved, That any testing program be beneficial to students and useful for future planning which may include college, vocational-technical training, job market, etc.; and
- Resolved, That competency testing be considered one tool in the evaluation process rather than the sole criteria, and be conducted in a timeline that allows for remediation; and
- Resolved, That it be required that all test results measuring individual student competency be discussed with the student and his/her parents or guardian; and
- Resolved, That selected tests that measure specific criteria and that are compatible and produce comparable results, be approved by the Colorado Board of Education, but that the choice of approved tests to be used be left up to individual school districts.