

RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1984 convention delegates)

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGARDING SCHOOL FINANCE

WHEREAS, Every public school district of the United States must provide excellent education for its children and youth; and

WHEREAS, Excellence in education largely depends on adequate financing; and

WHEREAS, The education of children and youth is of utmost importance not only to parents, but to economic success of each state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, The rate of inflation is making it increasingly difficult for school districts to finance public education, too often forcing districts to reduce programs and services for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, Financial support of public schools is adversely affected by the public's lack of understanding of school needs, by excessive dependence on inequitable property tax, and in some states by inadequate fiscal powers granted to school boards charged with responsibility for operating the public schools and providing quality education; therefore be it

Resolved, That the National Congress and all its divisions intensify their efforts to educate the public on public school needs and public school finance in order to win the solid public support needed to assure funds adequate for quality education in every public school district of the United States; be it further

Resolved, That the National Congress and all of its divisions call upon each state's legislature to designate education as a high priority for funding; and be it further

Resolved, That each local unit become more knowledgeable of its state's legislative system and communicate in a positive manner.