

RESOLUTION

Oppose School Vouchers or similar program

A RESOLUTION TO: Oppose any legislative initiatives authorizing a School Voucher System, or any similar program by a different name.

WHEREAS, the public education system in these united states is the foundation of a democratic society and the general, economic welfare of all its citizens, and according to Henry Adams "...must become the national care and expense for the formation of the many;" and

WHEREAS, the senior citizens of Texas have contributed and continue to participate in the funding for public schools; and

WHEREAS, nonpublic schools can avoid mandates of law and court decisions that require public schools to provide education for all students regardless of diverse abilities; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the 11th Texas Silver Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature oppose any legislative initiatives authorizing a School Voucher System, or any similar program by a different name, be it a pilot, regional, district, temporary or permanent program, for Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2006, by the Education Committee.

Bobby Southwood, Chair

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

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary