



League of United Latin American Citizens

Resolution on the Need for Equitable Access to Education Programs Leading to Biliteracy and to Maintaining Bilingual and Biterate Communities

WHEREAS, 86 years ago the founders of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) joined together to establish an organization that became the nation's largest and most active membership organization serving the Latino community, and

WHEREAS, LULAC since its inception on February 17, 1929 in Corpus Christi, Texas, LULAC has championed the cause of Hispanic Americans in education, employment, economic development, and civil rights, and

WHEREAS, LULAC promotes equity and access for all children to quality education throughout the United States regardless of race, religious beliefs, nationality, immigration status, gender, and economic status, and

WHEREAS, LULAC recognizes the urgency for maintaining education programs leading to biliteracy in order to prepare our students to compete in a global economy for better job opportunities, and

WHEREAS, LULAC recognizes the necessity to counteract societal pressures leading to language loss by maintaining education programs that lead to biliteracy in order to meet the needs of the families and communities as well as those of the employers for a workforce with multilingual skills, and

WHEREAS, LULAC recognizes that quality education programs leading to biliteracy are needed to provide students these economic, as well as personal, social, academic; and cognitive benefits, and

WHEREAS, LULAC recognizes the need for equitable access to these education options for all students regardless of their school, grade, achievement level, zip code, or last name;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that LULAC urges the legislature, the Board of Education, and district school boards to support and promote pathway options leading to biliteracy for all students, create advisory councils inclusive of all stakeholders to give input on the needs of the community and on best practices, and educate and engage the community on the benefits of biliteracy for the preparation of all students for the twenty first century;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the league of United Latin American Citizens be encouraged to continue to advocate for support for education programs leading to biliteracy in the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind.

Approved this 11th day of July 2015

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