



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### *Resolution in Opposition to Granting Foreign Language Credit for Completion of Computer Science Courses*

**Whereas**, the mission of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States;

**Whereas**, proficiency in multiple languages is critical in enabling Florida to participate effectively in global political, social, national security, and economic contexts and in expanding trade with other countries;

**Whereas**, the study of world languages contributes to students' cognitive, social, and academic development and is a necessary precondition for attainment of the benefits described above;

**Whereas**, bills that would have permitted students to satisfy foreign language requirements by completing computer science courses were considered by the 2016 Florida legislature, with similar bills pending in five other states and in congress;

**Whereas**, LULAC National 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;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that LULAC National urges the Florida Legislature:

1. to support and promote pathway options leading to biliteracy for all students;
2. to amend sections of 1003.4282 to specify that successful completion of high school computer science courses shall result in award of credit in computer science;
3. to fund an additional period in the school day for electives such as computer science instruction for high schools with 20 or more students who register for the same elective course; and,
4. to direct the Florida Virtual School to offer computer science courses identified in the Course Code Directory.

**Be it further resolved that**

A): LU LAC National Board of Directors and officers and members take all appropriate measures to advocate against bills which seek to substitute instruction in computer science for instruction in foreign language;

B) National LULAC Educational Committee to update and monitor all educational bills in the various states, and report these bills to the National Board for immediate approval and/or opposition to them.

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