IMPROVING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT IN MISSOURI

WHEREAS, The Missouri Tax Commission lacks the funding and the power necessary to collect meaningful data, endorse fair standards, compel reform, and assist local assessors in carrying out their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Assessment appeals procedures need to be made more understandable and accessible, more public, and more of an instrument for equalization; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers its regions, councils, and units urge the Missouri State Legislature to revamp and revitalize the State Tax Commission; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Tax Commission be required to conduct independent assessment-sales-ration studies in each county to determine and publicize average assessment ratio, and be given the authority to correct intra-and inter-county assessment inequities, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Office of Assessor be upgraded and professionalized by setting qualifications for the office

Adopted 1974