

## 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-ratio 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