INTEGRATED EDUCATION AND SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Our Objects commit us to secure for all children and youth the

highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education; and to promote the welfare of children and youth in

home, school, church, and community; and

WHEREAS, We believe that individual freedom, individual rights, individual

responsibility, and individual dignity are indispensable components of a democracy and must be safeguarded; and

WHEREAS, Adequate financial support is essential for a quality educational

program and should not be weakened by diverting educational

funds for extraneous purposes; and

WHEREAS, Control of school districts, which are the most basic political

subdivisions, should remain at the local level, under the direction of the duly-elected school boards for greater efficiency and for greater responsiveness to the educational requirements and needs

of their respective communities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers express its

opposition to the concept of bussing across present district lines to achieve racial balance, and urge that members communicate to the various responsible public officials and to other citizens their desire to cooperate in seeking other, more effective and efficient means of securing quality education for all children and youth.