

## LEARNING DISABILITIES

- WHEREAS, Studies show the prevalence of learning disabilities can range from three percent to 15 percent of the school population; and
- WHEREAS, It is important to provide children who have learning disabilities the understanding and special help they need to achieve success in school; and
- WHEREAS, It has been established that children with learning disabilities who are in the normal intelligence range and free from sensory impairment may through special techniques be educated to their proper role as productive citizens; and
- WHEREAS, Response to the problem is needed by the state and at the local level; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers recommends there be an educational evaluation of all kindergarten children prior to the beginning of the school year in order to prevent some of the emotional problems that can develop with age and with repeated frustration and failure; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That increased inservice training in learning disabilities for all teachers be encouraged in order for these children to remain in the educational mainstream whenever possible; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That more emphasis be placed on sharing of information and planning between parents and professionals; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That on the secondary levels adequate career planning and programming is available to fit the individual's learning style, abilities and goals.