

## MISSOURI JUVENILE CODE

- WHEREAS, The Board of Managers of the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers has gone on record in favor of maintaining the present age of seventeen as stated in the Missouri Juvenile Code, recognizing that the lowering of the age when a child is considered an adult will not reduce crime; and
- WHEREAS, We feel that many social forces are at work which are causing juvenile crime to increase, and that these social problems must be corrected before we can expect to reduce juvenile delinquency; and
- WHEREAS, We support maintaining the intent and philosophy of the Juvenile Code, recognizing the strength of the code is realized only when the proper facilities are provided for training and habilitation of the child in trouble with the law; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers support the continued study of the Missouri Juvenile Code and Juvenile crime in the state of Missouri to the end that problems of children will be dealt with more effectively, and actively work for legislation which will provide additional funds for foster care, counseling and guidance, and habilitation in training centers.