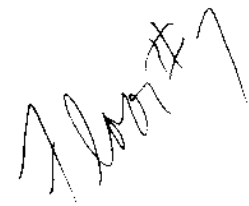


RESOLUTION NO. 5



WHEREAS; The Texas League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is a private non-profit corporation founded 76 years ago and represents approximately 600 Councils throughout the United States with approximately 115 thousand members; and

WHEREAS; LULAC, headquartered in Texas and Washington, serves as the leading organizations addressing issues impacting Hispanics in housing, educating, jobs and business; and

WHEREAS; the educational achievement of Latinos in Texas and the United States is far below other demographic groups; and

WHEREAS; the high dropout achievements of Latinos in Texas and the United States is far below other demographic groups; and

WHEREAS; the high dropout rate of Latinos in Texas and the United States is a national crisis with more than 40% of Latinos never finishing high school.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the League of United Latin American Citizens initiate a campaign to address the dropout crisis including researching the causal factors for Latinos dropping out of school and analyzing the systemic failure of the public school systems to address the educational needs of Latino children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LULAC take any all appropriate action, including advocacy at the local, state, and national levels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should these efforts fail to provide a remedy for this national crisis, LULAC will pursue every legal avenue available to address the problem.

Submitted by Joe Campos, President of LULAC Council 100, June 4, 2005, San Antonio, Texas.