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RESOLUTION

LULAC Demands Members of the Hispanic Caucus to urge Homeward Bound to fund LNESC

Introduced by NM LULAC State Director, Pablo A. Martinez

WHEREAS, the League of United Latin American Citizens is the nation's oldest and largest Latino membership organization and since its inception has fostered higher education and the advancement of all Hispanics at all levels and facets of our American society; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the LNESC Centers scored over the 90th percentile for eligibility for funding via the Homeward Bound Program. Several non-Latino programs that scored below the required scores and much lower than several of the LNESC Programs; and



~~WHEREAS, that many of these existing Homeward Bound funded centers happened to be programs that service the African American communities, and the Black Congressional Caucus vehemently demanded that these programs be funded immediately and unequivocally; and~~

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WHEREAS, the Homeward Bound Program immediately remedied the situation and lowered the score to 70th percentile for qualification for funding, which should have qualified even the LNESC Centers, however, Homeward Bound excluded LNESC and allowed the other programs funding due to arbitrarily creating a loop hole because these other programs were pre-existing; and

WHEREAS, the LNESC Centers services our Latino youth and like the African American programs, our LNESC Centers are just as much needed and viable in our respective communities; and

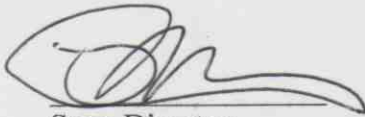
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the League demand that our Hispanic Congressional Caucus ~~do the same as the Black Congressional Caucus did for their programs and~~ urge that Homeward Bound also include LNESC for funding since all of these centers exceeded the scoring criteria for funding; and

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the League ^{urge}~~demand~~ an immediate change into the inconsistent practices of the Homeward Bound funding criteria and seek legal remedies that may be deemed appropriate with respect equal protection and equal access. ~~Our~~ [✓] members of our congressional delegation should be just as adamant about protecting their [✓] communities as the African American elected officials are of protecting their communities.

Executed, this 30 day of June 2007, at the LULAC State Board in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



State Director

State Secretary