EXTENDED EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED

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WHEREAS, Under the California Education Code our public school district may provide special schools and classes for the Educable Mentally Retarded, the Trainable Mentally Retarded, the Physically Handicapped (blind, deaf, hard of hearing, aphasic, orthopedically handicapped including cerebral palsy), the Emotionally, Educationally, and the Multiple Handicapped Child until he is eighteen years old; and

WHEREAS, Work-training and recreation programs are provided for a limited number of adults and youths over the age of eighteen by a few agencies and organizations in the community; and

WHEREAS, These few agencies lack sufficient funds and trained personnel and cannot provide services for all who could benefit from such programs; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the total community to provide an opportunity for all its citizens to achieve human dignity and self-sufficiently to their maximum individual capability; and

WHEREAS, The first objective of the committee for the exceptional child, as stated in the National Manual, is: “To study the types and extent of exceptionality among the children in the community and to bring the facts to the attention of PTA members, school officials, and community agencies;” therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the California Congress of Parents and Teachers support (within Parent-Teacher Policy) all qualified agencies in their efforts to expand existing programs and in their efforts to establish new educational, recreational and work-training programs for all handicapped persons from birth to death when need exists; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the National Congress of Parents and Teachers be urged to support such programs.