

### APPENDIX III

## RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE KANSAS CONGRESS OF PARENTS & TEACHERS INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS - APRIL 1941

we, the Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, assembled in annual convention in Independence, Kansas, April 16, 1941, hereby record our position in regard to problems affecting education and the proper care and development of youth in our state as follows:

(1) We re-affirm our belief in the program of the Public Schools as a means of safeguarding our form of Government and of guaranteeing the perpetuity of our democratic institutions.

The training of youth is a vital factor in the provisions for national defense. Today's youth are tomorrow's citizens, and our continued national welfare is dependent upon their ability to assume the obligations and responsibilities of citizenship in our increasingly complex society. Therefore, we urge that in our intensive program for national defense that preparation and training of our youth be carefully and adequately provided.

(2) We commend the Governor and the 1941 Kansas Legislature for enacting the state-wide School Employee's Retirement Law, thereby following the practice previously adopted in more than half of the other states. It establishes a retirement policy for school employees, a provision that is considered "Good Business" in a majority of leading business organizations for their employees. We believe it is constructive legislation that will improve the profession of teaching and strengthen the school offering for many of our children.

(3) We urge continuation of the efforts to secure enactment of new laws that will improve the system of secondary education in the state, including an enriched curriculum, more adequate financing, equitable tuition provisions, and suitable transportation. We also commend the Kansas Senate for enacting the resolution which provides for continued study of the codification of school laws and, also, special study of rural education in Kansas. We trust that this study will lead to modernization of many school laws to provide a more suitable program of education throughout the state.

(4) We also believe that the office of state and county superintendent should be removed from partisan politics and we recommend that every unit study needs for and methods whereby the standard and quality of educational leadership in these important offices may be insured.

(5) We commend the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Kansas State Safety Council, and the State Highway Commission for the splendid work being done in the interest of safety and urge both parents and teachers to cooperate in these programs in every way possible.

(6) We recognize the increasing need for Christian parenthood in our changing world today. Therefore, we urge that teaching appropriate to this need be provided through the close cooperation of the home, school, and church. We believe that this teaching for Christian parenthood should incorporate, as a part of its subject matter, material related to the problem of the use of alcohol and narcotics.