The purpose of this template is to provide a "menu" of optional statements for districts to use if your district feels the need to pass a resolution. Since you are already a member of the Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition, a resolution to join is <u>not</u> necessary for our records. Simple board action to approve the additional \$0.50 per WADA contribution is sufficient. Your check will provide all the record needed for the Coalition.

Resolution

WHEREAS, education is a fundamental right of every child in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Constitution requires an efficient system of public free schools that prepares students to become informed citizens and productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has set clear requirements for what schools are expected to teach and what students are expected to learn; and

WHEREAS, the State has an obligation to maintain and support a school finance system that provides districts the resources necessary to meet these requirements; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the broken school finance system, students are being denied educational opportunities as they prepare to compete on a global basis in the world of work and in colleges and universities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Texas school finance system, even after the actions of the 83rd Legislature, remains inefficient, inadequate, insufficient and thus unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the *<INSERT*>ISD Board of Education believes it is imperative that its children benefit from the resources of this state to the same extent that other Texas students benefit;

THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the *<INSERT>* Independent School District Board of Education authorizes the expenditure of \$0.50 per WADA to join with other members of the Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition, together with taxpayers and parents, for the purpose of speaking with one voice in the litigation of public school finance matters essential to the fair treatment of Texas taxpayers and public school children.

<add signature and date of action lines here as appropriate for your district>