

**RESOLUTION**

**R06-32**

**THE MEMBERS OF THE D.C. BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PRESENT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION ON**

**REQUESTING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO  
PASS "THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EDUCATION RIGHTS HOME RULE  
CHARTER AMENDMENT ACT OF 2006"**

**WHEREAS**, the fundamental right to educational opportunities is a basic value of our society and serves as a foundation of our democratic system of government;

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the District of Columbia have consistently ranked education as the highest priority governmental service;

**WHEREAS**, forty-eight states have constitutional provisions that establish a system of free public schools and affirm the fundamental principle of the importance of education in a free society and requiring that it be provided; and

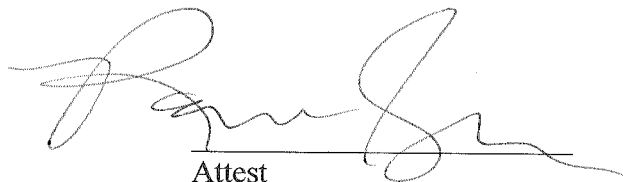
**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia Home Rule Charter contains no such provision;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Board of Education requests that the Council of the District of Columbia and the Mayor amend the Home Rule Charter by adopting "The D.C. Education Rights Charter Amendment Act of 2006," which provides:

"The fundamental right to free educational opportunities is a basic value of our society and serves as a foundation of our democratic system of government. Accordingly, the District of Columbia is hereby obligated to provide a system of free high-quality public schools to every child."

January 18, 2006

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Date Adopted

  
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