

RESOLUTION

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and ratification of the Anti-slavery Amendment of 1965; and,

WHEREAS, the dehumanization of the African-American began by constitutionally relegating his or her status to three-fifths (3/5) of a white man; and,

WHEREAS, this continued even after the passage of the 14th Amendment in 1868, in the form of local Jim Crow laws and public policies across America well into the 20th century imposing lasting political, economic and cultural harm on generations of African-Americans, per-

SUMMER SCHOOL

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viewed it as "an opportunity to review and reteach the children a few weeks prior to beginning the regular semester".

Working with at risk children, the kindergarten teachers had the task of teaching students who might have been experiencing some learning difficulties during the year. Mrs. Barber touched on this, "when the teachers get to work with a smaller group of students for three hours a day virus a larger pool of children for two and a half during the regular year, I can really see the difference in the attention span, and more of a willingness to learn". Mrs. Barber, who volunteered her services for the session, feels the program needs to be extended to six hours daily over the course of the summer.

Funding for the intersession program was approved by the Clark County School Board of Trustees. The dollars allocated to the summer program also provided bused field trips so the children could experience new things as well as learn the necessary safety precautions and behavior that is required when they start school August 26.

The associate superintendent of elementary education, P. Kay Carl, understands that kindergarten students moving into first grade from the Six Grade Centers must face a new school experience. One of those adjustments will be a bus ride to their new school.

She also feels two factors taken together, kindergarten students from educationally at-risk environments abruptly assigned to unfamiliar and distant school locations, cause these students a delay in making adaptations and academic progress. Thus was the ground work to develop the pre-first grade intersession.

Mrs. Carl feels, what the kids learned in kindergarten is not always maintained across the summer months, so the school district wants to help give those children a running start academically and attitudinally to begin the new first grade experience.

sisting to the present day; and, WHEREAS, the United States Government and various states therein have seen fit to take reparative steps for the wounds that they have caused by their bigoted actions, i.e., toward Native Americans and the American of Japanese heritage; and,

WHEREAS, these reparative steps can be cited as a payment to the Ottawa and Chippawa Indians of Michigan in the amount of thirty-two million dollars, which represents money plus interest on the money promised them by the United States Government by a treaty signed in 1836, and to the Klamath Indians of Oregon, who were awarded thirty million dollars, and the Seminoles of Florida, who were awarded twelve million dollars, and the Sioux Indi-

ans of South Dakota, who were awarded one hundred five million dollars plus; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Government has acknowledged the cruelty, the prejudice and arrogance, if not the racial hatred, of their acts to confine Japanese Americans to concentration camps during World War II. Said acknowledgment resulted in an agreement to compensate each survivor to the sum of twenty thousand dollars each; and,

WHEREAS, African-Americans suffered, as did Native Americans and Japanese-Americans, from broken promises, broken contracts, abandonment of moral justice, were deprived of land, of life, of chains of slavery on the farmlands, highways and byways of this nation, and, thus, contributed

fruitfully toward the growth and development of this nation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People bring to the attention of the United States Government the obligation on the part of this nation to acknowledge its debt to the African-American slaves, and the descendants of slaves;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NAACP supports the bill by Congressman John Conyers of the State of Michigan to create a Congressional Commission to make reparation proposals to direct descendants of Africans slaves.

6. The Brady Bill

Approved

WHEREAS, every year some (See Resolution, Page 20)

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