Introduced November 25, 1986 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio

RESOLUTION R86-67

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell recognizes the financial condition of the State that the Governor and Legislature must address; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks near the bottom of southern states in education reform and economic climate for growth; and

WHEREAS, the Minimum Foundation Program for Education is the primary funding for the basic education program in the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, \$90,000,000 has been cut state-wide from the Minimum Foundation Program, of which \$2,800,000 is the cut allocated to the St. Tammany Parish School System; and

WHEREAS, the cuts to the Minimum Foundation Program coupled with declining local revenues are causing serious hardships which could force school systems to shorten the school term; and

WHEREAS, hope for generating jobs, increasing employment and per capita income, reducing welfare dependency, revitalizing the State's economy and improving the State's image is closely tied to education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council hereby urges Governor Edwin W. Edwards and the our State Legislators to support education by doing whatever is necessary to restore the \$90,000,000 cuts to the Minimum Foundation Program for Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the members of the St. Tammany Parish Legislative Delegation, and to the St. Tammany Parish School Board.

ADOPTED this 25th day of November, 1986.

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Pearl Williams Councilwoman, District G President of the Council

Barbara Manteris Penton
Clerk of the Council