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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 200

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Ouachita Parish School Board and the Monroe City School Board to take certain actions to facilitate achieving unitary status for their respective school districts.

WHEREAS, a racially segregated school system is detrimental to the education of all students; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court concluded in *Brown v. Board of Education* that separate is inherently unequal in the context of public education; and

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish School Board and the Monroe City School Board should make every effort to ensure that their students are provided with a single school system that provides that same high quality education to all students; and

WHEREAS, efforts to achieve unitary status are also complicated by the opening of charter schools and the awarding of vouchers that allow students to attend nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, care in drawing school attendance zones is one crucial step school boards can use to ensure that schools are not being segregated by race, class, or any other characteristic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Ouachita Parish School Board and the Monroe City School Board to redraw school attendance zone districts so that their respective school districts can achieve unitary status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature requests the Ouachita Parish School Board and the Monroe City School Board cease the granting of charters and revoke all charters they have issued within the last year and further that they not participate in the

state's voucher program until a federal court grants their respective school districts unitary status.

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