Advocacy Resolution

Please note:

- Your district may propose a **new** Advocacy Resolution or an **amendment** of a resolution adopted by a previous Delegate Assembly for the current legislative biennium.
- Express each proposal as a **short, simple sentence of 25 words or less** stating TASB's desired position regarding a matter of interest to school districts throughout Texas. Use copies of this form if submitting more than one position or amendment.
- Express **in paragraph form** your district's rationale for the proposal in the Statement of Reasons blank below.
- The language of the proposal and rationale will be edited for length, style, clarity, and factual accuracy. Substantive changes in the language of the proposed resolution or amendment shall be referred to the district for approval by a board officer.

Similar submissions will be combined, with the consent of the submitting districts. Each district will then appear as a cosponsor of the combined proposal.

Proposed resolution: TASB shall (support, oppose) support the moving of the TAKS test from the end of the year to a diagnostic test in September of each year.

Statement of reasons: Too often the TAKS assessment is only a measure of short term learning after the class has crammed for a year. It is far from an assessment of long-term retention and true learning. A more accurate assessment of learning would occur if the test were given at the beginning of the year instead of at the end of the year. Also, the results could be used to remediate throughout the year. Naturally, end of course exams would continue to be given at the end of the school year.

I hereby certify that the above proposed resolution was approved by our board on June 23, 2008.

Board President's Signature: _____.

Name of school district: Midlothian Independent School District.

County District Number: 070908.

Please return your board's proposed resolution(s) by July 1, 2008, to the following address:

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