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## **Assemblyman Guy Houston Denounces Recent Court Decision to Criminalize Home Schooling**

*Calls on CA Supreme Court to overturn ruling*

(Sacramento) –Assemblyman Guy Houston (R-San Ramon) issued the following statement in reaction to the decision by the Second District Court of Appeals in Los Angeles requiring parents who home-school their children to obtain a teaching credential:

**“The L.A. Appellate Court decision robs parents of their right to teach their child at home,” said Assemblyman Houston. “For decades our state has recognized the right of a parent to home-school their child, and this court decision threatens to take that away.”**

Presiding Judge H. Walter Croskey declared in his ruling that parents do not have a constitutional right to home school their children. Furthermore, the judge wrote, if parents teach without obtaining a teaching credential, they will be subject to criminal action.

**“Nearly 200,000 students are home-schooled in our state,” said Houston. “To allow**

**a three judge panel in Los Angeles dictate how their parents educate them in wrong. The Supreme Court must take up this case, and it must reverse this disastrous decision. If it does not act, I am prepared to move forward with legislation protecting a parent's right to home-school their child."**

Current law allows for home-schooling as long as parents file paperwork to establish themselves as a small private school or work with a credentialed tutor or local school.

*Assemblyman Guy Houston represents the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which includes portions of Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, and San Joaquin counties.*

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