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The Honorable Joel Anderson California State Assembly Sacramento, CA 95815 Fax 916-319-2177

Subject: Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 115 – Relative to homeschooling

Assembly Member Anderson,

California Homeschool Network is pleased to support your resolution ACR 115 citing the significant history of homeschooling in California and calling upon the California Supreme Court to reverse the opinion recently handed down in the case In re Rachel L. which requires teaching credentials for parents homeschooling their children.

Homeschoolers have been using private school independent study programs and home based private schools to educate their children in California for many years. Studies have shown that homeschoolers, including those here in California, are well educated, often scoring higher on standardized tests than their public school counterparts. These private homeschooling options allow families to choose curricula and implementation methods that best promote the education of their individual children. Losing them would leave large segments of the homeschool community without a means to provide the type of education they want for their children.

California Homeschool Network does not support introducing new legislation that would define homeschooling or change the current options for choosing an alternative to public school. We believe that California law currently provides several viable alternatives under which homeschooling is possible, therefore further legislation is not required.

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