

Unknown History: Deportation of Mexican Americans

WHEREAS 1.2 million Mexican Americans were unconstitutionally deported to Mexico in the 1930's, and

WHEREAS the education of Mexican American children was disrupted by unconstitutional deportation, and

WHEREAS Mexican American children were denied the freedom and liberty normally accorded to U.S. citizens, and

WHEREAS American society was denied the presence of Mexican American citizens and their contributions, and

WHEREAS this egregious act in U.S. history has largely gone unnoticed and the stories of these deportees have been largely unheard,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CFT support legislation for the formation of a commission to study the issue of the deportation of 1.2 million Mexican Americans in the 1930s, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFT support the lawsuit entitled *Emilia Castaneda vs. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce* filed by the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF) on July 13, 2003, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFT advocate for adoption in California social studies curricula information about this little known history, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFT inform its membership of this issue through all its media, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that CFT carry this information/resolution to the California Labor Federation and to the AFT and AFL-CIO.