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Sen. Donna Campbell Encourages SBOE to Back Mercer Resolution

College Board Should Review and Revise APUSH Framework to Meet Texas Standards

AUSTIN-- State Sen. Donna Campbell wrote the following letter to the SBOE today urging the Board to support the resolution requesting the College Board to revisit and examine key concepts of the latest Advanced Placement U.S. History course:

Dear State Board of Education Members,

There are few things more important than an accurate teaching of our nation's history. Unfortunately, the College Board's most recent APUSH Framework veers from the course's traditional mission, skipping over key facts about historical events in favor of commentary. This does a disservice to our students, and in the process leaves less room to study contributions from James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks - all prominent American figures that the APUSH Framework leaves out.

If adopted in its current form, the Framework will leave students with an impoverished understanding of our nation's history. That is inconsistent with the goals and purpose of why students take Advanced Placement U.S. History. I encourage the Board to support the Mercer Resolution and request the College Board to revise and examine key concepts of the APUSH Framework so that it may more accurately reflect U. S. history in a manner that is consistent with the TEKS and the Texas Education Code.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator Donna Campbell, M.D. Texas Senate District 25

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State Senator Donna Campbell sits on the Senate Education Committee. She represents Senate District 25, which includes parts of Austin and San Antonio.