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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONORABLE THOMAS B. STANLEY, GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, TO CALL, FORTHWITH, A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA

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WHEREAS the School Board of the City of Norfolk and its Superintendent of Schools are defendants in a certain suit instituted in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Division, whereby the racial integration of the Norfolk Public Schools is sought; and

WHEREAS this School Board is a part of the school system of Virginia and requires the advice, guidance and instruction of the duly constituted authorities of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as it is unable to act without such advice, guidance and instruction; and

WHEREAS this Board deems it of the utmost importance to continue the operation of its schools but desires to conform to the policies, rules and regulations of the Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS this Board is not advised of the establishment of any policy or the promulgation of any rules and regulations by the Commonwealth of Virginia in this regard governing the school year beginning September, 1956;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the City of Norfolk that The Honorable Thomas B. Stanley, Governor of Virginia, be, and he is hereby, requested to call, forthwith, a Special Session of the General Assembly of Virginia in order that a policy may be established by the duly elected representatives of the people of this Commonwealth for the advice, guidance and instruction of this School Board and for the protection of the Public School System by all proper and lawful means.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be sent by the Clerk of this Board to Thomas B. Stanley, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Council of the City of Norfolk.

May 12, 1956