Resolution 25 1989-90

TO: President John E. Van de Watering

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on 4-30-90

RE: I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
   X II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)
   III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJECT: Recognize The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Signed ___________________________ Date Sent 5-8-90
(For the Senate)

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: President John E. Van de Watering

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
   a. Accepted. Effective Date
   b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on
   c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II, III
   a. Received and acknowledged
   b. Comment:

DISTRIBUTION: See attached list

Distribution Date 5-8-90 Signed: ___________________________
(President of the College)
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS The State University of New York College at Brockport is committed to a curriculum to advance global integration and cultural diversity, education which supports preparation for quality citizenship, and service to the community, and

WHEREAS The faculty of the State University of New York College at Brockport is dedicated toward advancing the mission of the College at Brockport, and

WHEREAS The United Nations General Assembly passed the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child in November 1989, and

WHEREAS The world community has the means to provide every child with adequate health care, but thousands die each day from preventable diseases, and

WHEREAS The world community has the means to feed every child an adequate diet, but thousands die each day from malnutrition, and

WHEREAS The world community has the ability to prevent child abuse and child exploitation, but thousands suffer and die each day from child abuse and exploitation, and

WHEREAS The world community has the ability to care for the nationless and homeless, but millions of children suffer without shelter, without homes, and without a nationality;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Faculty Senate of the State University of New York College at Brockport supports the passing of Senate Resolution 231 and House Resolution 312. These would support the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Faculty Senate of the State University of New York College at Brockport recognizes the potential of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child as a landmark treaty to better the lives of virtually half the world's population, i.e., our children. We, therefore, support the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United States of America by all members of the College at Brockport community.
Ms. Diane D. Elliott  
President, Faculty Senate  
Brockport State Univ. of New York  
College at Brockport  
Brockport, New York 14420

Dear Ms. Elliott:


You will be pleased to know that on September 17, 1990 the House of Representatives with my strong support approved H.Res. 312, legislation expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that President Bush should submit the Convention on the Rights of the Child to the Senate for ratification. At the end of September, leaders from around the world met at the United Nations in New York City for the World Summit for Children. The Summit was held to bring to the forefront the needs of children around the world and to provide impetus for nations that have not yet done so, to ratify the Convention.

Unfortunately, President Bush has not yet signed the United States Convention on the Rights of the Child. Many were hopeful that he would sign the Convention at the World Summit for Children, and bring the Convention one step closer to formal ratification. I find it appalling that the United States has not taken action in support of an international treaty which would guarantee the minimum rights and protection that children need in order to realize their potential.

Please be assured of my continued firm commitment to legislation aimed at ensuring the health, education, and well-being of our children. Thank you for taking the time to share with me your views.

Sincerely,

Louise M. Slaughter  
Member of Congress

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