

No. R-389. House concurrent resolution honoring the federal TRIO programs in Vermont.

(H.C.R.276)

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Jerman of Essex, Andrews of Rutland City, Atkins of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lorber of Burlington, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McNeil of Rutland Town, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, O'Brien of Richmond, Pellett of Chester, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Toll of Danville, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, promoting the academic success of students who come from families with minimal economic resources and who aspire to be the first members of their family to attend college is the laudable goal of the federal TRIO programs, and, in Vermont, these important academic preparatory programs serve students at seven colleges and through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, and

Whereas, Upward Bound, the original federally financed college incentive program for disadvantaged students, was established in 1965 under the auspices of the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, and, in coordination with the later-established Upward Bound Math Science, helps secondary

school students from financially disadvantaged families prepare for college, and

Whereas, the Talent Search Program, initially authorized in the Higher Education Act of 1965, assists students early in the college admissions and financial aid process, and

Whereas, the federal Education Amendments of 1968 reauthorized these two original programs, established Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, and united all three under the umbrella of the federal Office (now Department) of Education, and

Whereas, this threesome of special programs for students from low income backgrounds became known informally as TRIO, and

Whereas, over the ensuing decades, additional programs such as Veterans Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program have all been added to the TRIO mix, and

Whereas, in 1992, Congress renamed and combined all of the programs as the federal TRIO programs, and

Whereas, in the state of Vermont, Project TRIO is now serving 12,531 students and \$8,401,715 in federal dollars supports this worthy education program, and

Whereas, the federal TRIO programs continue to be a special gateway for financially disadvantaged students to achieve their higher education hopes and dreams, and

Whereas, students and administrators representing the federal TRIO programs in Vermont are visiting the state house today, Friday, March 19, 2010, and their visit provides an opportunity to recognize the important educational and societal roles of the federal TRIO programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor the outstanding work of the federal TRIO programs in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Assistant Director of TRIO/SSS/Learning Co-op Dr. Harri Williams at the University of Vermont.