

No. R-283. House concurrent resolution honoring the outstanding achievements of the federal TRIO programs in Vermont.

(H.C.R.231)

Offered by Representative Quimby of Lyndon

Whereas, at seven Vermont colleges and through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, students who aspire to be their families' first college graduate but lack the requisite funds can avail themselves of these federal educational support programs, and

Whereas, in 1964, in the Economic Opportunity Act, Congress established Upward Bound, the original federal college incentive program for financially disadvantaged students; in the Higher Education Act of 1965, Congress created Talent Search to assist these students applying for newly established federal financial aid support; and in 1968, the 1965 law was amended to include the Special Services for Disadvantaged Students program (now known as Student Support Services), and together these three services became commonly referred to as the federal TRIO programs, and

Whereas, subsequent amendments to the 1965 legislation created the Educational Opportunities Centers and Veterans Upward Bound (1972); the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (1986); and Upward Bound Math-Science (1990), which is a division of Upward Bound, and

Whereas, in 1992, Congress officially renamed and combined these programs as the federal TRIO programs, and they continue to be a special gateway for financially disadvantaged students to pursue their college dream, and

Whereas, students and administrators representing the federal TRIO programs in Vermont are visiting the State House today, Thursday, April 16, 2026, and their visit serves as an opportunity to recognize the 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 honors the outstanding achievements 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 the Board of Directors of the Vermont Educational Opportunity Programs.