

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1795

A RESOLUTION designating March 11, 2014, as Kansas TRIO Day.

WHEREAS, A college education is an important part of the American dream. Our nation's commitment to the dream of education for all Americans regardless of race, ethnic background or economic circumstances led to the funding of Special Programs for Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds. This program is for students who are first-generation college students from low-income backgrounds or who are physically disabled; and

WHEREAS, Congress established a series of programs to help low-income Americans enter college, graduate and move on to participate more fully in America's economic and social life. These programs are funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and are referred to as the TRIO programs. There are now seven TRIO programs; and

WHEREAS, The TRIO programs are designed to help students address educational discrepancies. They provide educational information, counseling, academic instruction, tutoring, assistance in applying for financial aid and supportive encouragement to both students and their families. While student financial aid programs help students overcome financial barriers to higher education, TRIO programs help students overcome class, social and cultural barriers to higher education; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the TRIO programs is to provide services that assist disadvantaged students to begin and complete a post-secondary education. More than 2,700 TRIO programs currently serve nearly 866,000 low-income Americans. Many programs service students in grades six through 12; and

WHEREAS, Students enrolled in today's TRIO programs mirror our nation's multicultural and multiethnic society. Thirty-seven percent of TRIO students are white, 35% are African-American, 19% are Hispanic, 4% are Native American, 4% are Asian-American, and 1% are listed as "other," including multiracial students; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-two thousand students with disabilities and more than 25,000 U.S. veterans are currently enrolled in the TRIO programs; and

WHEREAS, Over 1,200 colleges, universities, community colleges and agencies now offer TRIO programs in America. All TRIO program services are available to low-income, physically disabled and first-generation college students; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is proud to host 45 TRIO programs, serving 12,259 students, with a \$12,413,166 federal budget. Specifically, there are nine Upward Bound programs, two Upward Bound Math and Science Centers, two Veterans Upward Bound programs, six Education Talent Search programs, nineteen Student Support Services programs, three McNair Scholars programs, three Educational Opportunity Centers and one Disability Support Services program: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we designate March 11, 2014, as Kansas TRIO Day and recognize the importance of TRIO programs in helping all Kansans achieve the American dream; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send one enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Faust-Goudeau; Mike Conley, Coordinator of the University of Kansas Upward Bound Program and President-Elect for MO-KAN-Ne Board of Directors; Kaye Monk Morgan, President-Elect of Mid-American Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel; Deltha Colvin, Associate Vice-President for Campus Life and University Relations, Special Programs at Wichita State University and former President of The Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel; Ngondi Kamatuka, Director of the Center for Educational Opportunity Program at the University of Kansas; and Dr. Mildred Edwards, Executive Director of Kansas African American Affairs Commission.

Senate Resolution No. 1795 was sponsored by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*