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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 552

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 36 TRIO PROGRAMS AT
2 THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND DESIGNATING
3 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2000, AS NATIONAL TRIO DAY 2000.

4 WHEREAS, National TRIO Day was designated by concurrent
5 resolution on February 24, 1986 by the 99th Congress and has been
6 celebrated annually ever since in recognition of the importance of
7 TRIO Programs in preparing nontraditional college bound students
8 to seek, pursue, and excel at educational endeavors beyond the
9 secondary level; and

10 WHEREAS, TRIO Programs: Educational Talent Search, Upward
11 Bound, Upward Bound Math & Science, Student Support Services,
12 Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program and
13 Educational Achievement Centers, were established more than thirty
14 years ago to assist low-income students overcome class, social
15 academic, and cultural barriers to higher education. These
16 programs provide invaluable services to low-income and/or first
17 generation college goers to heighten their chances of successful
18 matriculation at the post-secondary education level;

19 WHEREAS, Currently, there are 36 TRIO Programs at 19
20 Mississippi institutions of higher education, the MS Department of
21 Education and the MS Band of Choctaw Indians. These programs are
22 presented jointly by the Mississippi Association of Equal
23 Opportunity program personnel (MAEOPP). More than 1200 low-income
24 and/or first generation college going students, between the ages
25 of 11 and 27, benefit from the services provided by these TRIO
26 Programs. These students represent the highest aspirations and

27 best hope for the American dream and Mississippi's future. By
28 lifting these students to new academic heights, TRIO Programs are
29 helping to raise the academic standards, expectations, and
30 aspirations for Mississippi; and

31 WHEREAS, With TRIO Program graduates found in every
32 occupation mentionable: doctor, lawyer, politician, counselor,
33 teacher, business owner, - it is obvious that TRIO Programs have
34 played a major role in decreasing Mississippi's drop-out rate by
35 encouraging and supporting high school completion, increasing the
36 number of college graduates by providing needed guidance and
37 support for successful matriculation and reducing defaults in the
38 Mississippians loan programs by helping low-income students better
39 understand their financial obligations; and

40 WHEREAS, As we embark into the new millennium, the MAEOPP
41 TRIO Programs plan to continue encouraging its students to seek,
42 pursue, and conquer the challenges of higher education by "Facing
43 the New Millennium Head-On" as we celebrate National TRIO Day 2000
44 on Saturday, February 26, 2000 at the T.B. Ellis Physical
45 Education Complex on the campus of Jackson State University:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
48 we do hereby commend the 36 TRIO Programs at the various state
49 institutions of higher learning in Mississippi, designate
50 Saturday, February 26, 2000, as National TRIO Day 2000 in
51 Mississippi and encourage citizens throughout the state to honor
52 this observance and support the educational aspirations of TRIO
53 students throughout our great State.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented at
55 National TRIO Day 2000, and be forwarded to the Board of Trustees
56 of State Institutions of Higher Learning and be made available to
57 the Capitol Press Corps.