

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1005

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the economic, cultural, and social importance of promoting international education at Tennessee's colleges and universities.

WHEREAS, this new era of global exchange has created a marketplace of ideas in which citizens of the world from distinct social, cultural, religious, and linguistic backgrounds cooperate and compete on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, international education is critical to promoting a broadened worldview, thereby preparing Tennesseans for life and work in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, creating a diverse academic environment by exchanging scholars and students between countries builds the foundation for future international business success; and

WHEREAS, the United States' national security and economic competitiveness depend significantly on the country's ability to provide future leaders with the best education possible; and

WHEREAS, higher education should emphasize a menu of higher education coursework, including, but not limited to, geography, world history, world literature, comparative government, comparative economics, anthropology, international sociology, human ecology, foreign language, and multi-ethnic studies; and

WHEREAS, the staff, faculty, and administration at Tennessee's public institutions of higher learning have a solemn duty to ensure that Tennessee's students and future leaders are prepared to meet the challenges of a global society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this Body recognizes the economic, cultural, and social importance of promoting international education at Tennessee's public institutions of higher education and

urges both the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee system to review and adjust current graduation requirements to emphasize international education as we also encourage and support the faculty and students at Tennessee's public colleges and universities in their efforts to promote international education as a part of the curriculum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be transmitted to the presidents of all Tennessee public institutions of higher education, the president of the University of Tennessee, and the chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents.