

No. R-85. House concurrent resolution designating Tuesday, March 19, 2019 as Project Trio Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.67)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, promoting the college prospects of financially disadvantaged students is the laudable goal of the federal TRIO programs, and in Vermont these important academic preparatory programs serve many students, and

Whereas, Upward Bound, the original federally financed, college incentive program for disadvantaged students, was established under the auspices of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, and

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

Whereas, as part of the federal Education Amendments of 1968, the third program, now known as Student Support Services, was established, and

Whereas, these three special programs for students from low-income backgrounds became known informally as TRIO, and

Whereas, the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 authorized the development of Educational Opportunity Centers, and the Education Amendments of 1976 authorized the Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs, and

Whereas, during the 1970s, a new component known as Veterans Upward Bound was established to offer support to veterans pursuing a postsecondary education and to assist them with the academic and personal skills required for college admission, and

Whereas, federal legislation in 1986 established the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program and, in 1990, the Department of Education established the Upward Bound Math/Science program, and

Whereas, in 1992, Congress codified and unified the authorization of the federal TRIO programs in 20 U.S.C § 1070a–11, and

Whereas, in 2019, the TRIO federal education programs continue to provide an essential gateway for aspiring college students in Vermont and nationwide who might not otherwise gain college admission, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Tuesday, March 20, 2019 as Project Trio Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Julie Finnegan at Castleton University.