

No. R-103. House concurrent resolution honoring the TRIO academic programs in Vermont and designating March 17, 2017 as TRIO Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.78)

Offered by: Representatives Giambatista of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bissonnette of Winooski, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Forguites of Springfield, Gage of Rutland City, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Brookfield, Houghton of Essex, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, McCoy of Poultney, Miller of Shaftsbury, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toleno of Brattleboro, Troiano of Stannard, Webb of Shelburne, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

Whereas, promoting the academic success of students who come from families with minimal economic resources and who aspire to be the first member of their family to attend college is the laudable goal of the federal TRIO programs, and, in Vermont, these important academic preparatory programs serve students through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation and, separately, at seven colleges: Castleton University, Community College of Vermont, Johnson State College, Lyndon State College, Southern Vermont College, the University of Vermont, and Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, Upward Bound, the original federally financed college incentive program for disadvantaged students, was established in 1964 under the auspices of the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, and it helps secondary school students prepare for college, and

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

Whereas, the federal Education Amendments of 1968 added the Student Support Services program, which was originally known as Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, and, in the late 1960s, the term TRIO was coined to describe these three programs, and

Whereas, over the years, TRIO, through additional federal legislation or U.S. Department of Education administrative action, has been expanded to encompass a total of eight student support programs, including a veterans-specific Upward Bound program, and

Whereas, in a major change in 2001, the Student Support Services program began offering direct grants to certain students who were already the recipients of federal financial support from the Pell Grant program, and

Whereas, students and administrators representing the federal TRIO programs in Vermont are visiting the State House today, Friday, March 17, 2017, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the TRIO academic programs in Vermont and designates March 17, 2017 as 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 Briana Martin at the Student Support Services program at the University of Vermont.