

**No. R-337. House concurrent resolution honoring the federal TRIO programs in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.242)

Offered by: Representatives Jerman of Essex, Cole of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, Mrowicki of Putney, Taylor of Barre City, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Wilson of Manchester, and Woodward of Johnson

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 at seven colleges and through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, and

Whereas, Upward Bound, the original federally financed college incentive program for disadvantaged students, was established in 1965 under the auspices of the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, and, in coordination with the later-established Upward Bound Math Science, helps secondary school students from financially disadvantaged families 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 reauthorized these two original programs, established Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, and united all three under the umbrella of the federal Office (now Department) of Education, and

Whereas, this threesome of special programs for students from low-income backgrounds became known informally as TRIO, and

Whereas, over the ensuing decades, additional programs such as Veterans Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program have all been added to the TRIO mix, and

Whereas, in 1992, Congress renamed and combined all of the programs as the federal TRIO programs, and

Whereas, the federal TRIO programs continue to be a gateway for financially disadvantaged students to attend college, and

Whereas, students and administrators representing the federal TRIO programs in Vermont are visiting the State House today, Tuesday, March 11, 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor the outstanding work of the federal TRIO programs in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Project TRIO staff at Vermont Technical College.