

No. R-370. House concurrent resolution honoring the TRIO academic programs in Vermont and designating March 29, 2018 as TRIO Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.298)

Offered by: Representatives Giambatista of Essex, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Conlon of Cornwall, Cupoli of Rutland City, Forguites of Springfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Jickling of Randolph, Joseph of North Hero, Mattos of Milton, Miller of Shaftsbury, Pearce of Richford, Sharpe of Bristol, Webb of Shelburne, and Weed of Enosburgh

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, Thursday, March 29, 2018, 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 29, 2018 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 Robin Goodall at Vermont Technical College.