

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1723

A RESOLUTION designating March 10, 2015, as Kansas TRIO Day.

WHEREAS, TRIO programs are federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist low income individuals, first generation undergraduate students and individuals with disabilities to complete high school and continue their education at a college, technical or vocational institution; and

WHEREAS, The TRIO programs are designed to help students address educational discrepancies. They provide educational information, counseling, academic instruction, tutoring, assistance in applying for financial aid and supportive encouragement to both students and their families. While student financial aid programs help students overcome financial barriers to higher education, TRIO programs help students overcome class, social and cultural barriers to higher education; and

WHEREAS, More than 2,700 TRIO programs currently serve nearly 866,000 low income Americans. Many programs service students in grades six through 12. Twenty-two thousand students with disabilities and more than 25,000 U.S. veterans are currently enrolled in TRIO programs; and

WHEREAS, Students enrolled in today's TRIO programs mirror our nation's multicultural and multi-ethnic society. Thirty-seven percent of TRIO students are white, 35% are African-American, 19% are Hispanic, 4% are Native American, 4% are Asian-American, and 1% are listed as "other," including multiracial students; and

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas proudly hosts 45 TRIO programs that serve 12,259 low income individuals, first generation undergraduate students, clients and veterans. There are also 192 professionals that work for the TRIO programs in Kansas. In order to more effectively serve our students, TRIO programs have developed over 270 non-TRIO-related educational collaborations that target elementary, middle and high schools throughout the state of Kansas. In total, Kansas TRIO programs have secured \$12,413,166 in federal funding; and

WHEREAS, There are 19 host institutions of higher education in Kansas. Many of these host institutions have multiple TRIO grant awards to serve their student, client and veteran populations: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we designate March 10, 2015, as Kansas TRIO Day and recognize the importance of TRIO programs in helping all Kansans achieve the American dream; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send one enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Faust-Goudeau; Senator Haley; Mike Conley, Coordinator of the University of Kansas Upward Bound Program and President of the MO-KAN-NE Board of Directors; Kaye Monk Morgan, President of Mid-American Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel; Deltha Colvin, Associate Vice-President for Campus Life and University Relations, Special Programs at Wichita State University and former President of The Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel; Ngondi Kamatuka, Director of the Center for Educational Opportunity Program at the University of Kansas; Dr. Mildred Edwards, Executive Director of the Kansas African American Affairs Commission; and Patrick Woods, Chair of the Kansas African American Affairs Commission; Lydia Santiago; Shukura Bakari-Cozart; Herecilia Thompson; Dr. Wade Robinson; Mulubrhan Negash; Maritza Machado-Williams; Rebecca Dukstein and Francis Irving.

Senate Resolution No. 1723 was sponsored by Senators Oletha Faust-Goudeau and David Haley.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.