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[H. Con. Res. 207]

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965—TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

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note.

Whereas the Higher Education Act of 1965 was signed into law on November 8, 1965, by President Lyndon Baines Johnson on the campus of Southwest Texas State University, his alma mater; Whereas over its twenty-year history this landmark legislation has contributed significantly to the development of the Nation by increasing its investment in human capital, thereby fostering economic growth, enriching civic and cultural life, and strengthening the national security;

Whereas the Act has brought closer to fulfillment the goal of providing an opportunity for postsecondary education for all qualified students through grants, loans, work-study and student service programs;

Whereas the Act has improved the quality of education through support to college libraries, construction of academic facilities, graduate study fellowships, developing institutions, foreign language and area studies improvements, and other institutional programs which advance national priorities such as cooperative education and continuing education for adult learners;

Whereas the Act has been periodically amended with broad bipartisan support, including major expansion of Federal student assistance programs in 1972, extension of eligibility to students from middle-income families in 1978 and revision of the Act in 1980;

Whereas in considering the reauthorization of the Act, Congress is now examining the unfinished agenda of American higher education: reaching the significant number of youths who still do not reach their full potential, providing new opportunities for adult learners to remain creative and productive, improving the training of teachers, renovating campuses, and sustaining graduate education and scholarship;

Whereas Southwest Texas State University will observe the twentieth anniversary of the signing of the Higher Education Act on November 8, 1985, with special ceremonies on the campus;

Whereas the House Postsecondary Education Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act at Southwest Texas State University on November 8, 1985: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

(1) recognizes the twentieth anniversary of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the important role that legislation has played in the Nation's development; and

(2) reaffirms the historic partnership between the Federal Government and the colleges and universities toward the development of human resources required for an increasingly complex and technological society.

Agreed to November 7, 1985.