

3 Senate Concurrent
4 Resolution No. 10

5 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 - By: CORN, LERBLANCE and GUMM
6 of the Senate and BRANNON of the House.

7 A Concurrent Resolution supporting the TRIO programs;
8 memorializing Congress not to cut funding without a thorough
9 study; and directing distribution.

10 WHEREAS, TRIO programs are federally funded by the U.S.
11 Department of Education under Title IV of the Higher Education Act
12 of 1965 and were initially just three programs. While student
13 financial aid programs help students overcome financial aid barriers
14 to higher education, TRIO programs help students overcome class,
15 social, and cultural barriers to higher education; and

16 WHEREAS, TRIO programs identify qualified disadvantaged youth or
17 adults who are low-income and/or first-generation college students.
18 Participants are selected according to their potential for academic
19 success; and

20 WHEREAS, TRIO programs include Educational Talent Search that
21 serves young people in grades six through twelve; Student Support
22 Services which helps students stay in college until they earn their
23 baccalaureate degree; and Upward Bound that helps young students
24 prepare for higher education; and

1 WHEREAS, in Oklahoma last year 81 federal TRIO programs assisted
2 27,323 students at a cost of \$24,403,324. Twenty-seven institutions
3 of higher education hosted TRIO programs in Oklahoma, as well as
4 four community agencies -- the American Indian Resource Center, the
5 Chickasaw Foundation, the Choctaw Nation and QuESTT, Inc.; and

6 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush's proposed 2006 federal budget
7 calls for the elimination of Talent Search and all Upward Bound
8 programs, three of four federally funded college opportunity
9 programs that serve 455,000 middle and high school students
10 nationwide. The total budget proposed by the President for TRIO for
11 federal fiscal year 2006 is \$369.4 million, a 56% cut. The
12 President's proposed federal budget cuts will cost Oklahoma
13 \$15,469,359 eliminating 57 projects serving 14,306 participants.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
15 OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature fully and completely
18 supports the goals and recognizes the accomplishments of TRIO
19 programs in Oklahoma.

20 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature memorializes the Congress of
21 the United States of America not to cut funding for or eliminate
22 TRIO programs without a complete and thorough study of the impact

1 such cuts would have on students, schools, and the educational
2 process.

3 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
4 Congressional Delegation and the Oklahoma Division of Student
5 Assistance.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 4-4-05 - DO PASS,
7 As Coauthored.