

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1851

By Senator Betts

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9 A RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the United States to
10 continue funding of the TRiO and GEARUP educational programs.

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12 WHEREAS, The purpose of the federally authorized and funded
13 TRiO Upward Bound and Talent Search programs and GEARUP pro-
14 grams is to increase the number of low-income and first generation stu-
15 dents who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary educa-
16 tion; and

17 WHEREAS, TRiO Upward Bound and Talent search programs in
18 Kansas receive \$6,774,687 of federal funding to positively affect the lives
19 of over 6,800 Kansas students, and GEARUP programs receive
20 \$10,390,845 of federal funding and an additional amount of nonfederal
21 funding of \$2,500,000 to positively affect the lives of 13,343 Kansas stu-
22 dents; and

23 WHEREAS, These programs have proven to be highly successful in
24 helping these students complete their K-12 education and succeed in
25 postsecondary educational programs; and

26 WHEREAS, The federal administration's 2006 budget proposal elim-
27 inates these programs with the intent of shifting the funding to begin new
28 initiatives. Such initiatives are unproven and may not provide the positive
29 outcomes of these existing programs, thereby putting many of these
30 20,000 plus students in jeopardy of being educationally disenfranchised:
31 Now, therefore,

32 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the body
33 urges congress to continue the funding of these programs which so dra-
34 matically affect the lives of our citizens, and entreats the Kansas con-
35 gressional delegation to work diligently toward that end; and

36 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an
37 enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States
38 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and
39 to each member of the Kansas congressional delegation.