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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that college and university administrators should adopt a code of principles to change the culture of alcohol consumption on college campuses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that college and university administrators should adopt a code of principles to change the culture of alcohol consumption on college campuses.

Whereas many college presidents rank alcohol abuse as the number one problem on campus;

Whereas alcohol is a factor in the three leading causes of death for 15–24 year olds (accidents, homicides, suicides);

Whereas more than any other group, college students tend to consume large numbers of drinks in rapid succession with the intention of becoming drunk;

Whereas 84 percent of college students report drinking alcohol during the school year, with over half—44 percent—

of all students qualifying as binge drinkers and 19 percent as frequent binge drinkers;

Whereas alcohol is involved in a large percentage of all campus rapes, violent crimes, student suicides, and fraternity “hazing” accidents;

Whereas heavy alcohol consumption on college campuses can result in drunk driving crashes, hospitalization for alcohol overdoses, trouble with police, injury, missed classes, and academic failure;

Whereas the prevalence of second-hand effects from students drinking alcohol ranges from assault, property damage, and unwanted sexual advances, to interruptions in study or sleep or having to “babysit” another student who had drunk too much; and

Whereas campus binge drinking can also lead to the death of our young and promising students: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as “The Collegiate Initiative To Reduce Binge Drinking”.

5 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

6 It is the sense of the House of Representatives that,
7 in an effort to change the culture of alcohol consumption
8 on college campuses, all college and university administrators
9 should adopt the following code of principles:

10 (1) For an institution of higher education, the
11 president of the institution shall appoint a task force
12 consisting of school administrators, faculty, stu-

dents, Greek system representatives, and others to conduct a full examination of student and academic life at the institution. The task force will make recommendations for a broad range of policy and program changes that would serve to reduce alcohol and other drug-related problems. The institution shall provide resources to assist the task force in promoting the campus policies and proposed environmental changes that have been identified.

(2) The institution shall provide maximum opportunities for students to live in an alcohol-free environment and to engage in stimulating, alcohol-free recreational and leisure activities.

(3) The institution shall enforce a “zero tolerance” policy on the illegal consumption of alcohol by its students and will take steps to reduce the opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and alumni to legally consume alcohol on campus.

(4) The institution shall vigorously enforce its code of disciplinary sanctions for those who violate campus alcohol policies. Students with alcohol or other drug-related problems shall be referred to an on-campus counseling program.

(5) The institution shall adopt a policy of eliminating alcoholic beverage-related sponsorship of on-

1 campus activities. It shall adopt policies limiting the
2 advertisement and promotion of alcoholic beverages
3 on campus.

4 (6) Recognizing that school-centered policies on
5 alcohol will be unsuccessful if local businesses sell al-
6 cohol to underage or intoxicated students, the insti-
7 tution shall form a “Town/Gown” alliance with com-
8 munity leaders. That alliance shall encourage local
9 commercial establishments that promote or sell alco-
10 holic beverages to curtail illegal student access to al-
11 cohol and adopt responsible alcohol marketing and
12 service practices.

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