

H. Res. 523

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

September 19, 2002.

Whereas there are 105 historically Black colleges and universities in the United States;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities provide the quality education so essential to full participation in a complex, highly technological society;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities have a rich heritage and have played a prominent role in American history;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities have allowed many students to attain their full potential through higher education;

Whereas the achievements and goals of historically Black colleges and universities are deserving of national recognition; and

Whereas the third week in September is an appropriate time to express that recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. RECOGNITION OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

The House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the significance of historically Black colleges and universities;

(2) recognizes that historically Black colleges and universities have been educating students for more than 100 years;

(3) commends the Nation's historically Black colleges and universities for their commitment to academic excellence for all students, including low-income and educationally disadvantaged students;

(4) urges the presidents, faculty, and staff of the Nation's historically Black colleges and universities to continue their efforts to recruit, retain, and graduate students who might otherwise not pursue a postsecondary education;

(5) recognizes the significance of title III of the Higher Education Act, which aids in strengthening the academic quality, institutional management, and financial stability of historically Black colleges and universities; and

(6) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States and interested groups to demonstrate support for historically Black colleges and universities in the United States during that

week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

Attest:

Clerk.