

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 359

Recognizing the importance and accomplishments of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 19, 2002

Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance and accomplishments of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund.

Whereas in 1987 the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund was founded, under the leadership of Dr. N. Joyce Payne, in conjunction with its founding corporate sponsors, Miller Brewing Corporation and the National Basketball Association;

Whereas since its inception the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund has provided more than \$20,000,000 in scholarships and programmatic support to students attending the 45 historically Black public colleges and universities (including 5 historically Black law schools) that make up the fund's membership;

Whereas the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund is the only national organization to provide merit scholarships and programmatic and capacity-building support to 45 historically Black public colleges and universities;

Whereas the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund was created to bridge the technological, financial, and programmatic gaps between historically Black public and private colleges and universities;

Whereas the 45 member institutions of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund are a critical source of public higher education for African Americans, with more than 215,000 students at the institutions;

Whereas more than 77 percent of all students enrolled in historically Black colleges and universities attend member institutions of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund;

Whereas the legacy and commitment to education of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund centers on a foundation of preparing a new generation of leaders;

Whereas the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund continues to provide students quality academic instruction in a positive learning environment while promoting equal opportunity in higher education; and

Whereas October 2002 marks the 15th anniversary of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2                (1) fully supports the goals and ideals of the  
3        Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund; and

4                (2) salutes and acknowledges the Thurgood  
5        Marshall Scholarship Fund and its vigorous and per-

- 1 sistent efforts in support of equal opportunity in
- 2 higher education.

