

H. Res. 792

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

September 30, 2004.

Whereas the United Negro College Fund was founded on April 26, 1944, with 27 member colleges under the leadership of Dr. Frederick D. Patterson;

Whereas the United Negro College Fund is the Nation's largest, oldest, most successful, and most comprehensive minority higher education assistance organization;

Whereas the United Negro College Fund's mission is to enhance the quality of education by providing financial assistance to deserving students, raising operating funds for member colleges and universities, and increasing access to technology for students and faculty at historically black colleges and universities;

Whereas over 60 years, the United Negro College Fund has raised more than \$2.3 billion to assist a total of more than 300,000 students attend college;

Whereas the United Negro College Fund administers more than 450 scholarships and fellowships for students and faculty, who attend more than 950 colleges and universities throughout the nation;

Whereas the United Negro College Fund has distributed more funds to help minorities attend school than any entity outside of the federal government;

Whereas the United Negro College Fund provides key support to historically black colleges and universities as a means to keep tuition down to a rate half that of tuition at comparable schools, while its member institutions provide a quality education to students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college and are from low-income families;

Whereas both the Non-Profit Times and the Chronicle of Philanthropy rank the United Negro College Fund among the top ten charitable education organizations in the country, and Barron's ranks it as the number one educational charity in terms of efficiency in distributing funds raised;

Whereas the United Negro College Fund provides operational funds, technology enhancement services, and advanced training for faculty and administrators for its member institutions;

Whereas the United Negro College Fund's member institutions enroll seven percent of African American college students nationwide;

Whereas the United Negro College Fund's colleges and universities are the top producers of successful medical school applicants; and

Whereas the United Negro College Fund has contributed immeasurably to the nation by producing countless graduates who have contributed to our communities as nurses, teachers, civil servants, business leaders, doctors, lawyers, elected officials, and community leaders: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognizes the United Negro College Fund, on the occasion of its 60th

anniversary, for the Fund's outstanding commitment towards providing a quality education for minority and low-income students and towards strengthening our communities.

Attest:

Clerk.