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H. RES. 1414

Congratulating Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus, the Nation’s first all-male charter high school, for achieving a 100 percent college acceptance rate for all 107 members of its first graduating class of 2010.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 28, 2010

Mr. RUSH (for himself, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. HODES, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. HALVORSON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. WATT, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CLAY, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus, the Nation’s first all-male charter high school, for achieving a 100 percent college acceptance rate for all 107 members of its first graduating class of 2010.

Whereas, on May 12, 2009, the House Committee on Education and Labor held a hearing entitled “High School Dropout Crisis Threatens U.S. Economic Growth and Competiveness” which cited a 2009 study suggesting that

in the 50 largest cities with significantly higher rates of poor and minority children, only 53 percent of students graduate on time;

Whereas Urban Prep Academies is a nonprofit organization that operates a network of all-boys public schools, including the Nation's first and the State of Illinois' only charter public high school for boys;

Whereas in 2002, a group of motivated African-American civic, business, and education leaders, organized by Tim King, determined to establish a new high school in Chicago, Illinois, focused on providing a strong college-preparatory high school option for boys in underserved African-American communities;

Whereas Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus was founded in 2002 and received its first Charter approval from Chicago public schools in 2005 under Chicago's Renaissance 2010 initiative, upon receiving a recommendation from Representative Bobby L. Rush, and the Englewood High School Transition Advisory Council on which he served;

Whereas the mission of Urban Prep is to provide a comprehensive, high-quality college-preparatory education to young men that results in graduates succeeding in college;

Whereas Urban Prep's extended school day and rigorous curriculum and extracurricular "arcs", which includes the Academic Arc, Service Arc, Activity Arc, and Professional Arc, have been acknowledged as national models for other schools catering to underserved low income communities by a variety of educational organizations and media outlets, including the Chicago Public Schools, the American

School Board Journal, the Urban School Improvement Network, the Illinois Policy Institute, Education Week, the Washington Post, and the Milwaukee Wisconsin Journal Sentinel to name a few;

Whereas a University of Chicago study published in 2006, reported that only 1 in 40 African-American boys in Chicago public schools eventually graduate from a 4-year university and, currently, approximately 85 percent of Urban Prep students are low-income and all are African-American;

Whereas Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus, which has inspired the Nation by achieving a 100 percent college acceptance rate for its June 12, 2010, first ever graduating class, will convene an Inaugural “Signing Day” event where each senior student will stand to publicly announce the college or university he has chosen to attend and commit to that school by signing the Urban Prep “100 Percent to College” board and the “Credimus Book”;

Whereas to date, more than 80 colleges and universities have admitted Urban Prep seniors to their incoming freshmen classes and representatives from several of the colleges will be in attendance at the “Signing Day” event, where these seniors will receive nearly \$4,000,000 in college scholarships and grants; and

Whereas Urban Prep has been recognized internationally for its success in improving the academic, social, and emotional development of urban young men and the story of Urban Prep’s success has been featured by over 140 media outlets, including the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun Times, Washington Post, Good Morning America with Robin Roberts, ABC World News with Diane Saw-

yer, CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, Anderson Cooper 360, National Public Radio, and Essence, Jet, and Black Enterprise magazines: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
2 gratulates Principal Tim King and all of the students,
3 teachers, administrators, and support personnel at Urban
4 Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Cam-
5 pus for achieving a 100 percent college acceptance rate
6 for its first graduating class of 2010.

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