

WHEREAS, Higher education is a necessary part of American life that benefits in innumerable ways the individual and society; and

WHEREAS, Access to higher education for all qualified people is essential for the well-being of the State of Maryland and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, College tuition now costs around \$8,000 for four years at a state university and around \$25,000 for four years at a private university, and is the biggest single expense faced by parents in raising their children; and

WHEREAS, College expenses are increasing at a faster rate than the cost-of-living; and

WHEREAS, College expenses are creating a tremendous financial burden on middle income families who have available to them neither the aid programs available to poor families nor the wealth available to rich families; and

WHEREAS, Many observers believe that a growing number of families cannot afford to support their children's post secondary schooling; and

WHEREAS, A tax assistance program for families who are sending children to college would be a fair and equitable way of easing the burden on these families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Congress of the United States is requested to pass legislation establishing a ~~tax credit or other~~ program for families who are sending children to college; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Robert E. Bauman, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Gladys N. Spellman, Goodloe E. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Newton I. Steers, Jr., House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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