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(House Joint Resolution No. 41)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Increased State Support for Meharry Medical College

FOR the purpose of urging the Governor to increase funding for Maryland students attending Meharry Medical College; and urging the State Board for Higher Education to increase its contract amount for Maryland students attending Meharry Medical College under Southern Regional Education Board contract.

WHEREAS, Meharry Medical College, in Nashville, Tennessee, is the largest single educator of black health professionals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Forty percent of all black physicians and dentists now practicing in the United States are graduates of Meharry Medical College; and

WHEREAS, Graduates of Meharry Medical College practice in 49 states and in many foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, In the past decade 75 percent of Meharry Medical College graduates have developed practices that serve the poor in the inner cities and in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Meharry Medical College receives only nominal support from the City of Nashville and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Meharry Medical College, because it is a professional school, does not participate in the United Negro College Fund; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Regional Education Board, of which the State of Maryland is a member, organizes student contract programs between participating states and schools in order to reserve a minimum number of student spaces at each school for each state; and

WHEREAS, Meharry Medical College currently reserves spaces for Maryland students, for which Maryland pays \$4,750 per student per year; and

WHEREAS, It now costs Meharry Medical College \$30,000 per year to educate a student; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Higher Education Commission recently voted to increase its contract amount for students attending