

HOUSE RESOLUTION

DECLARING FEBRUARY 27, 1988 TRIO DAY AT EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF THE OZARKS, HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTH ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, GARLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, PHILANDER SMITH, PHILLIPS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY, SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY-EL DORADO, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-FAYETTEVILLE, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF, AND ARKANSAS COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, certain special programs for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, commonly known as TRIO Programs, are an integral part of the education of many minority students in Arkansas and the United States; and

WHEREAS, our State and nation are committed to providing an equal educational opportunity for all citizens regardless of race, ethnic background, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, TRIO Programs such as Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services, and Educational Opportunity Centers are designed to help students overcome class, social, and cultural barriers to higher education by providing information, counseling, academic instruction, tutoring, assistance in applying for financial aid, encouragement, and support; and

WHEREAS, TRIO Programs help provide the support that gives students the hope and skills needed to succeed in college and to move on to participate more fully in America's economic and social life; and

WHEREAS, TRIO Programs are funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 enacted by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the 25 TRIO Programs in Arkansas help over 6,600 students each year; and

WHEREAS, TRIO Programs are targeted for students that come from families with incomes of less than \$18,000 annually or in which neither parent graduated from college or who are handicapped; and

WHEREAS, TRIO Programs are an important retention mechanism for disadvan-

taged, minority and handicapped students with a consistent record of success in providing participants invaluable information about college, motivating them to enroll in higher education, and enabling them to succeed in college; and

WHEREAS, in the last two decades, several of the TRIO Programs across the nation have produced thousands of educational success stories, including two Rhodes Scholars and the first Hispanic astronaut; and

WHEREAS, both houses of the United States Congress have recognized the achievements and success of these programs by declaring February 27, 1988 as National TRIO Day,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THIRD EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the undersigned declare February 27, 1988 TRIO Day at East Arkansas Community College, University of the Ozarks, Henderson State University, North Arkansas Community College, Arkansas State University, Garland County Community College, Ouachita Baptist University, Philander Smith, Phillips County Community College, Southern Arkansas University, Southern Arkansas University-El Dorado, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, University of Arkansas-Monticello, University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Arkansas College and recognize them for their efforts in educating these disadvantaged students so that they may become contributing citizens of this State.