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H. RES. 53

To express the sense of the House of Representatives that the maximum Pell Grant should be increased to \$4,350.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2001

Mr. WU submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*,

2 **SECTION 1. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM PELL GRANT.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) A college education has become increasingly
6 important, not just to the individual beneficiary, but
7 to the nation as a whole. The growth and continued
8 expansion of the nation's economy is heavily depend-
9 ent on an educated and highly skilled workforce.

5 (3) The Federal Government plays an invaluable role in making student financial aid available to
6 ensure that qualified students are able to attend college, regardless of their financial means. Since the
7 inception of the Pell Grant program in 1973, nearly
8 80,000,000 grants have helped low- and middle-income
9 students go to college, enrich their lives, and
10 become productive members of society.

20 (5) In the next 10 years, the number of under-
21 graduate students enrolled in the nation's colleges
22 and universities will increase by 11 percent to more
23 than 11,000,000 students. Many of these students
24 will be the first in their families to attend college.
25 One in 5 of these students will be from families with

1 incomes below the poverty level. The continued in-
2 vestment in the Pell Grant program is essential if
3 college is to remain an achievable part of the Amer-
4 ican dream.

5 (6) Increasing the maximum Pell Grant to
6 \$4,350 would result in a \$600 increase in the max-
7 imum grant award.

8 (7) Because Pell Grant recipients are more like-
9 ly to graduate with student loan debt and to amass
10 more debt than other student borrowers, increasing
11 the maximum Pell Grant to \$4,350 will help remedy
12 this disparity.

13 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
14 House of Representatives that the maximum Pell Grant
15 should be increased to \$4,350.

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