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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLYBURN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Recognizing College Summit for its achievements in increasing the college enrollment rate of low-income students, and encouraging the Committee on Education and Labor and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions to determine how the Federal Government can support the efforts of College Summit.

Whereas one of the most important public policy and economic development goals for the United States is to increase the Nation's college enrollment and college graduation rates, especially for low-income students;

Whereas college attendance stops the cycle of poverty for low-income students because college graduates generally earn \$1,000,000 more than non-college graduates over the

course of their lifetimes, and the children of college graduates are twice as likely as the children of non-college graduates to go to college;

Whereas each year, more than 200,000 low-income high school graduates in the United States who are prepared for college do not enroll, resulting in a loss of \$80,000,000,000 in combined tax revenue that this group of students would generate over the course of their lifetimes if they attended college;

Whereas high-achieving low-income students go to college at approximately the same rate as low-achieving students from wealthy families;

Whereas College Summit, an organization with offices and operations across the country, is dedicated to increasing the college enrollment rate of low-income students by ensuring that “every student who can make it *in* college makes it *to* college”;

Whereas College Summit responds to the challenges low-income students face by implementing a systemic, school-based strategy in its work with students and their families, and by equipping students with the knowledge that is necessary to apply, be accepted to, and enroll in college;

Whereas College Summit has been recognized by several prominent educational organizations and many reputable national and local publications for its innovation and effectiveness in providing the chance for American students to showcase their abilities and achieve at their highest level;

Whereas since 1993, approximately 6,000 students have become College Summit Peer Leaders, 79 percent of whom

enroll in college (well above the national average of 46 percent for low-income students), and 80 percent of whom are currently pursuing a degree or have graduated from college, despite their average high school grade point average of 2.85;

Whereas College Summit students have obtained over \$40,000,000 in scholarships to attend institutions of higher education that meet their academic, social, and financial needs; and

Whereas many American students would not have attended college were it not for College Summit, and many more students would benefit from College Summit if the program were offered to them: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes College Summit, a preeminent
3 nonprofit organization, for its dedication to increas-
4 ing college enrollment rates in low-income commu-
5 nities; and

6 (2) encourages the Committee on Education
7 and Labor of the House of Representatives and the
8 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
9 sions of the Senate to determine how the Federal
10 Government might expand the efforts of College
11 Summit in its mission to increase the college enroll-
12 ment rate of low-income students.

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