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Supporting the goals and ideals of Student Financial Aid Awareness Month to raise awareness of student financial aid.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of New York submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

- Supporting the goals and ideals of Student Financial Aid Awareness Month to raise awareness of student financial aid.
- Whereas the ability of some students to attend an institution of higher education is conditional on the availability of student financial assistance;
- Whereas the cost of higher education continues to rise for 4year private colleges and universities, 4-year public colleges and universities, 2-year community colleges, and for profit institutions;
- Whereas students and families across the United States are making important decisions about financing their education at an institution of higher education;

- Whereas efforts to increase awareness about student financial aid options are necessary for students across the United States to receive all of the financial aid available to them;
- Whereas increasing awareness about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) ensures that more eligible students may benefit from Federal financial assistance;
- Whereas students must complete and submit a new FAFSA each school year to be considered for all forms of Federal financial aid;
- Whereas each year, about 16,000,000 students apply for financial aid by filling out the FAFSA;
- Whereas increasing access to Federal financial aid helps reduce students' reliance on costly private loans; and
- Whereas Student Financial Aid Awareness Month will help call attention to the critical role financial assistance plays in helping students attending an institution of higher education: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Student Fi3 nancial Aid Awareness Month;
- 4 (2) encourages students and families across the
 5 United States to participate in activities being of6 fered during Student Financial Aid Awareness
 7 Month; and
- 8 (3) recognizes the importance of educating stu9 dents and families about Federal student financial
 10 aid.