

Senate Resolution 234

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Sims of the 12th, James of the 35th and Jones II of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the 79th anniversary of the United Negro College Fund; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) was founded with 27 member colleges
3 in April, 1944, under the leadership of Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, Mary McLeod Bethune,
4 William J. Trent, and others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the UNCF is the nation's largest, oldest, most successful, and comprehensive
6 higher education assistance organization for minorities; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the mission of UNCF is to enhance the quality of education by providing
8 financial assistance to deserving students, raising operating funds for member colleges and
9 universities, and increasing access to technology for students and faculty at historically Black
10 colleges and universities; and
- 11 WHEREAS, as the nation's largest private scholarship provider to students of color, UNCF
12 awards more than \$100 million in scholarships to more than 10,000 students at more than
13 1,100 schools each year across the country, including its prestigious network of 37 HBCUs;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in 79 years, the UNCF has raised \$4.8 billion to help more than 500,000
16 students earn their college degrees and managed numerous scholarship programs, including
17 the Fund II Foundation UNCF STEM Scholars Program, the UNCF/Koch Scholars Program,
18 the K-12 Education Fellowship, and the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Scholarship
19 Program; and

20 WHEREAS, the UNCF provides key support to historically Black colleges and universities
21 as a means to keep tuition lower than comparable schools while its member institutions
22 provide a quality education to students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend
23 college; and

24 WHEREAS, the UNCF's 37 member colleges and universities have contributed
25 immeasurably to communities throughout the nation and around the world with countless
26 graduates who are the top producers in medicine, education, religion, business, law, politics,
27 and community leadership.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize the United Negro College Fund on the occasion of its 79th anniversary and for its
30 outstanding commitment to providing a quality education for minority and low-income
31 students and promoting leaders to strengthening our global community.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
34 press.