

Senate Resolution 359

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Lucas of the 26th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 2nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the 77th 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, for more than 75 years, UNCF has raised over \$3.6 billion to assist more than
12 400,000 students attending college; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the UNCF administers over 450 scholarships and fellowships for students and
14 faculty who attend more than 950 colleges and universities throughout the nation; and

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

19 WHEREAS, the *NonProfit Times* and the *Chronicle of Philanthropy* rank UNCF among the
20 top ten charitable education organizations in the country, and *Barron's* ranks it as the number
21 one educational charity in terms of efficiency in distributing funds raised; and

22 WHEREAS, the UNCF motto, "A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste," is the most
23 successfully used and widely recognized award-winning campaign in advertising history; 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 77th 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.