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A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the creation of urban teaching programs.

2 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is facing a teacher shortage,
3 especially in urban areas; and

4 WHEREAS, Future generations of educators require preparation
5 in the challenges and rewards of teaching within an urban
6 environment; and

7 WHEREAS, To attract gifted and talented students to the
8 profession of teaching in urban schools, it is necessary to
9 develop participants' teaching skills with an emphasis on
10 teaching in a diverse environment; and

11 WHEREAS, An urban teaching program provides the best forum to
12 examine current school practices and determine strategies to
13 adapt these practices to better meet the needs of an urban
14 teaching environment and encourage positive attitudes towards
15 teaching as a career; and

16 WHEREAS, Students enrolled in urban teaching programs benefit
17 most when practicums split education time between the urban
18 schools environment and urban community advocacy organizations

1 which emphasize creative thinking, problem solving and
2 leadership skills; and

3 WHEREAS, Urban teaching programs will achieve these goals by
4 emphasizing creative thinking, problem solving and leadership
5 skills; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage
7 institutions of higher education in this Commonwealth to
8 establish urban teaching programs and permit students to prepare
9 and immerse themselves in serving in urban schools.