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S. CON. RES. 42

Expressing the sense of Congress that August 30, 2020, be observed as the 130th anniversary of the 1890 Land-Grant Educational Institutions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2020

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. LOEFFLER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that August 30, 2020, be observed as the 130th anniversary of the 1890 Land-Grant Educational Institutions.

Whereas the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C. 321 et seq.), popularly known as the “Second Morrill Act”, led to the creation of 19 historically Black Federal land-grant educational institutions;

Whereas the 19 historically Black 1890 land-grant educational institutions are identified as Lincoln University, Alcorn State University, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Alabama A&M University, Prairie View A&M University, Southern University, Virginia State University, Kentucky State University, the University of Mary-

land Eastern Shore, Florida A&M University, Delaware State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Fort Valley State University, South Carolina State University, Langston University, Tennessee State University, Tuskegee University, Central State University, and West Virginia State University;

Whereas the Act of May 8, 1914 (7 U.S.C. 341), popularly known as the “Smith-Lever Act”, provided for the establishment of the Cooperative Extension Service within the Department of Agriculture for the dissemination, through Federal land-grant educational institutions, of information pertaining to agriculture and home economics;

Whereas, since the 125th Anniversary of the 19 historically Black 1890 land-grant educational institutions in 2015, Congress passed the 2018 Farm Bill which included new Federal investments, such as—

(1) the program providing scholarships for students at 1890 land-grant educational institutions under section 1446 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 322a); and

(2) the recognition of at least 3 Centers of Excellence at 1890 land-grant educational institutions under section 1673(d) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5926(d)); and

Whereas appropriate recognition should be given to the significant contributions made by the 19 historically Black 1890 land-grant educational institutions to the heritage, educational development, advancement, and agricultural strength of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) the 130th anniversary of the 1890 Land-
2 Grant Educational Institutions should be observed;

3 (2) such a day should be observed with appro-
4 priate ceremonies and activities to recognize the col-
5 lective contributions that these 19 historically Black
6 Federal land-grant educational institutions have
7 made to the United States;

8 (3) the Second Morrill Act and the Smith-Lever
9 Act have helped the United States develop agricul-
10 tural leaders; and

11 (4) the Department of Agriculture and the Na-
12 tional Institute of Food and Agriculture should re-
13 main committed to supporting the goals of the Sec-
14 ond Morrill Act and the Smith-Lever Act.

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