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H. RES. 983

Recognizing the importance of Tribal colleges and universities to the United States and expressing support for designating the week beginning March 13, 2022, as National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2022

Mr. O'HALLERAN (for himself, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KILMER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. COLE, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of Tribal colleges and universities to the United States and expressing support for designating the week beginning March 13, 2022, as National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week.

Whereas there are 35 accredited Tribal colleges and universities operating on more than 75 campuses in 15 States;

Whereas Tribal colleges and universities are tribally chartered institutions of higher education and therefore have a unique relationship with the Federal Government;

Whereas Tribal colleges and universities serve students from more than 230 federally recognized Indian tribes;

Whereas Tribal colleges and universities offer students access to knowledge and skills grounded in cultural traditions and values, including language, which—

- (1) enhances Indian communities; and
- (2) enriches the United States as a country;

Whereas Tribal colleges and universities provide access to high quality postsecondary educational opportunities for—

- (1) American Indians;
- (2) Alaska Natives; and
- (3) other individuals that live in some of the most isolated and economically depressed areas in the United States;

Whereas Tribal colleges and universities are accredited institutions of higher education that prepare students to succeed in the global and highly competitive workforce;

Whereas Tribal colleges and universities have open enrollment policies, and approximately 15 percent of the students at Tribal colleges and universities are non-Indian individuals; and

Whereas the collective mission and the considerable achievements of Tribal colleges and universities deserve national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses support for designating a week as
3 “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week”;
4 and

5 (2) calls on the people of the United States and
6 interested groups to observe National Tribal Colleges
7 and Universities Week with appropriate activities

- 1 and programs to demonstrate support for Tribal col-
- 2 leges and universities.

