

Reps. Hopgood, Anderson, Kathleen Law, Accavitti, Adamini, Bieda, Brown, Byrnes, Cheeks, Clack, Cushingberry, Farrah, Gleason, Gonzales, Hunter, Kahn, Kehrl, Kolb, Lemmons, III, Lipsey, Meisner, Miller, Mortimer, Murphy, Phillips, Plakas, Polidori, Sak, Alma Smith, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Waters, Wojno and Zelenko offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 98.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to preserve funding for the Upward Bound program.

Whereas, Education is the key to our future. This has been the impetus behind many of our nation's ground-breaking education initiatives such as Head Start and the Pell Grant program. These programs are designed to help young people along a continuum that encompasses their entire school life. Chief among these critical initiatives for achieving collegiate entrance and success is Upward Bound, which assists low-income high school students, low-income first-generation military veterans, and high school students from families in which neither parent has a bachelor's degree; and

Whereas, Upward Bound is one of our nation's best investments. The program prepares thousands of young people for the challenges and opportunities of college each and every year through counseling, academic enrichment, and its work-study programs. Today, when much of our nation is focused on college student retention and graduation rates, Upward Bound is making a real difference. The program has touched the lives of countless numbers of young people who have gone on to successful and productive careers. Clearly, the opportunity and hope of Upward Bound touch us all; and

Whereas, The administration has proposed the elimination of the Upward Bound program. This approach would be short-sighted and counterproductive, considering the emphasis we are now placing on education's role in the marketplace of the future. Indeed, such a move would exemplify the dictum, penny-wise and pound-foolish; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to preserve funding for the Upward Bound program; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.