

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing support for the continuation of, and urging the
2 Congress of the United States to take immediate action to
3 permanently reauthorize, the Perkins Loan Program in its
4 entirety and original form.

5 WHEREAS, The Perkins Loan Program is the nation's longest-
6 running Federal student loan program, created in 1958 as the
7 National Defense Student Loan Program and later called the
8 National Direct Student Loan Program; and

9 WHEREAS, Perkins loans are efficient, need-based, low-
10 interest loans that serve more than 500,000 low-income students
11 with high need at approximately 1700 colleges and universities
12 each year; and

13 WHEREAS, Perkins loans have favorable terms for students, for
14 example, interest is not charged while students are in school,
15 the interest rate is low and fixed, and borrowers may have all
16 or part of their Perkins loans canceled if they undertake
17 certain public service jobs for one to five years; and

18 WHEREAS, Participating schools share the risk of the Perkins

1 Loan Program because they provide a one-third match to Federal
2 capital contributions and loans are made using money repaid by
3 previous borrowers; and

4 WHEREAS, The Perkins Loan Program fosters access to post-
5 secondary education for low-income students during a period of
6 declining grant availability; and

7 WHEREAS, Perkins loans have made higher education possible
8 for millions of Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, Without Perkins loans, thousands of Americans will
10 lose their chance for higher education and a better life;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express support
13 for the continuation of, and urge the Congress of the United
14 States to take immediate action to permanently reauthorize, the
15 Perkins Loan Program in its entirety and original form.