

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Central State University as Ohio's 1890 land grant university and to request that the United States Congress pass legislation and the United States Department of Agriculture take steps to recognize that designation and provide the institution with all of the benefits of the designation.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Ohio (the House of Representatives concurring):

WHEREAS, The United States Congress enacted and the President of the United States signed into law the Morrill Act of 1862 permitting each state to designate at least one institution as a "land grant" college or university where the leading object is the teaching of agriculture and the mechanic arts, initially endowing such institution with a grant of land or scrip for the receiving state to sell and invest on behalf of the institution; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress enacted and the President of the United States signed into law the Second Morrill Act of 1890 to extend access to higher education by providing sustained federal support for all land grant institutions and to expand and enhance educational opportunities in agriculture and the mechanic arts for Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio established The Ohio State University as the state's land grant university under the Morrill Act of 1862 in order to provide excellent educational opportunities to all Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio, in 1887, created the Combined Normal and Industrial Department of Wilberforce University to provide teacher training and vocational education open to all qualified applicants of good and moral character; and

WHEREAS, Central State University is the successor of that institution and continues to provide baccalaureate and graduate educational opportunities in a wide variety of agriculture-related disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Central State University is Ohio's only public historically Black college or university; and

WHEREAS, Central State University and its predecessor institutions have made the same extraordinary contributions to the education of African Americans in the State of Ohio as other 1890 universities have made in their respective states; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio General Assembly desires to designate Central State University as an 1890 land grant university under the Second Morrill Act; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, designate Central State University as a land grant university under the Second Morrill Act of 1890 and request that the United States Congress pass legislation, and the United States Department of Agriculture take the necessary steps, to recognize that designation and to provide Central State University with all of the benefits of such designation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader of the United States Senate.

Speaker _____ of the House of Representatives.

President _____ of the Senate.

Adopted _____, 20____