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SENATE MEMORIAL 22-002

101 **MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE FORWARDING FUNDING TO**
102 **MAKE A ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN**
103 **EDUCATION HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

1 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) operates the
2 Higher Education Grant Program (grant program) as authorized by the
3 federal "Act of November 2, 1921", commonly referred to as the "Snyder
4 Act", 25 U.S.C. sec. 13; and

5 WHEREAS, Numerous Indian tribal governments provide college
6 financial assistance and scholarships from the grant program directly to
7 Indian college students through the federal "1975 Indian
8 Self-determination and Education Assistance Act", Pub.L. 93-638, or
9 through the federal "Tribal Self-governance Act of 1994", Pub.L.
10 103-413; and

11 WHEREAS, The federal government routinely operates under
12 continuing resolutions. As such, grant program funding is delayed;
13 consequently, college scholarship and financial assistance payments and
14 institutional disbursements are delayed, which is problematic for many

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1 Indian college students who depend on these funds to pay for tuition,
2 books, room, and board; and

3 WHEREAS, There is precedent for forward funding of federal
4 Indian education programs. BIE-funded schools, including schools
5 receiving funding pursuant to 25 U.S.C. sec.1810 and tribally controlled
6 colleges and universities receiving funding pursuant to 25 U.S.C. sec.
7 1810, are forward funded; and

8 WHEREAS, Forward funding of the BIE will make grant program
9 funds available for obligation on July 1 of any given fiscal year, and the
10 funds will remain available until September 30 of the succeeding fiscal
11 year; and

12 WHEREAS, Congress may authorize forwarding funding and
13 make a one-time appropriation of such sums, as necessary, to forward
14 fund the BIE grant program; now, therefore,

15 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-third General*
16 *Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

17 That we, the members of the Colorado Senate strongly urge
18 Congress to forward fund the Bureau of Indian Education Higher
19 Education Grant Program as authorized by the federal "Act of November
20 2, 1921".

21 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to the
22 Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; the Secretary of the
23 United States Senate; each member of Colorado's congressional
24 delegation; Christine Sage, Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe;
25 Manuel Heart, Chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; and Jonathan
26 Nez, President of the Navajo Nation.