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Establishing the House of Representatives Summer Internship Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

Establishing the House of Representatives Summer
Internship Program.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUMMER INTERNSHIP**
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
5 the House of Representatives Summer Internship Pro-
6 gram (hereafter referred to as the “Program”), under
7 which eligible students who are selected to serve as Interns
8 under the Program shall assist Members of the House
9 during the summer internship period with legislative du-
10 ties, including preparing the House chamber for session,

1 answering phones in the Member cloakrooms, and deliv-
2 ering correspondence and packages.

3 (b) PERIOD OF SERVICE.—The summer internship
4 period for a year shall begin on Monday of the third week
5 of June and shall end on Friday of the first week of Au-
6 gust.

7 (c) NO COMPENSATION OR HOUSING PROVIDED.—
8 Interns under the Program shall serve without pay and
9 shall not be provided with housing.

10 (d) ATTENDANCE IN WEEKLY CLASS.—Each Intern
11 under the Program shall attend a weekly one-hour class
12 sponsored by the Clerk on executive branch, judicial
13 branch, or legislative branch policies and procedures.

14 (e) ADMINISTRATION BY CLERK.—The Clerk of the
15 House of Representatives shall administer the Program.

16 **SEC. 2. SELECTION OF INTERNS.**

17 (a) ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS.—For purposes of
18 this resolution, an individual is an eligible student if the
19 individual meets each of the following requirements:

20 (1) The individual will be at least 18 years of
21 age as of the first day of the summer internship pe-
22 riod.

23 (2) The individual is a citizen of the United
24 States, a national of the United States (as defined
25 in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Na-

1 tionality Act), or an individual lawfully admitted for
2 permanent residence (as defined in section
3 101(a)(20) of such Act).

4 (3) The individual is enrolled in an educational
5 program for which an institution of higher education
6 (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education
7 Act of 1965) awards a bachelor's degree or an equiv-
8 alent degree, or will be enrolled in such a program
9 as of the first academic year that begins after the
10 completion of the summer internship period.

11 (4) The individual maintained a grade point av-
12 erage of at least 3.0 in core academic subjects over
13 the previous 2 academic years.

14 (5) The individual has not served previously as
15 an Intern under the Program or as a Page under
16 the House of Representatives Page Program.

17 (6) The individual submits to a Member of the
18 House an application to serve as an Intern under
19 the Program during the summer internship period
20 that includes such information as the Clerk may re-
21 quire.

22 (b) SELECTION OF INTERNS FROM ELIGIBLE STU-
23 DENTS.—

24 (1) FORWARDING OF APPLICATIONS BY MEM-
25 BERS.—Any Member of the House who receives an

1 application under subsection (a)(6) from an eligible
2 student to serve as an Intern under the Program
3 during the summer internship period may forward
4 the application to the Speaker (in the case of a
5 Member who is associated with the majority party in
6 the House) or the minority leader (in the case of a
7 Member who is associated with the minority party in
8 the House).

9 (2) SELECTION.—From the applications for-
10 warded under paragraph (1), the Speaker and mi-
11 nority leader (working jointly) shall select not fewer
12 than 70 eligible students to serve as Interns for the
13 period, such that—

14 (A) $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Interns selected had their ap-
15 plications forwarded by Members associated
16 with the majority party and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Interns
17 selected had their applications forwarded by
18 Members associated with the minority party;
19 and

20 (B) not more than 1 Intern may have had
21 an application forwarded by the same Member
22 unless there were Members who did not forward
23 any applications from eligible students for the
24 period.

1 **SEC. 3. SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OVERSIGHT**
2 **BOARD.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is hereby established the
4 House of Representatives Summer Internship Program
5 Oversight Board (hereafter referred to as the “Board”),
6 which shall make recommendations to the Clerk regarding
7 the administration of the Program.

8 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The Board shall consist of the
9 following members:

10 (1) Two Members of the House of Representa-
11 tives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives.

13 (2) Two Members of the House of Representa-
14 tives appointed by the minority leader of the House
15 of Representatives.

16 (3) After the Program has been in effect for 2
17 summer internship periods, 2 individuals who served
18 as Interns under the Program and who are not
19 Members of the House of Representatives, who shall
20 be appointed jointly by the Speaker and minority
21 leader.

22 (4) The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives.

24 (c) **TERM OF SERVICE; VACANCY.**—Each member of
25 the Board (other than the Sergeant at Arms and Clerk)
26 shall serve for a term of 2 years and may be reappointed

1 to additional terms. A vacancy in the Board shall be filled
2 in the manner in which the original appointment was
3 made.

4 (d) NO COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE.—Members of
5 the Board shall serve without pay, but each member who
6 is not a Member, officer, or employee of the House shall
7 receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of sub-
8 sistence, in accordance with applicable provisions under
9 subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

10 (e) MEETINGS.—The Board shall meet once during
11 a Congress in person in the District of Columbia and shall
12 meet periodically by teleconference or other electronic
13 means.

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