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Reaffirming the commitment of the Federal Government to historically Black colleges and universities and honoring their enduring legacy and contributions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ADAMS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and Workforce

RESOLUTION

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historically Black colleges and universities and honoring
their enduring legacy and contributions.

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs)
have served as pillars of opportunity, equity, and excel-
lence in higher education for more than 180 years;

Whereas HBCUs continue to open doors, change lives, and
uplift communities, educating nearly 300,000 students
every year and preparing the next generation of teachers,
engineers, health professionals, and public servants;

Whereas HBCUs consistently overproduce in outcomes, grad-
uating nearly 50 percent of Black teachers, 70 percent of
Black dentists, and 80 percent of Black judges nation-
wide;

Whereas HBCUs are not just historic, they are essential, and they contribute nearly \$16,500,000,000 annually to the United States economy, support more than 134,000 jobs, and serve as economic anchors in communities across the United States;

Whereas HBCUs are engines of workforce development and economic mobility, advancing student success, conducting community-based research, and strengthening pathways to career-connected learning;

Whereas HBCUs are national leaders in science, agriculture, public health, education, and innovation, conducting impactful research in laboratories, community centers, and campuses across the country in partnership with Federal agencies and the private sector;

Whereas HBCUs thrive through investment, maximizing opportunity and expanding access to higher education; and

Whereas HBCUs are incubators of excellence, where no matter your background, income, or ZIP Code, you receive a fair shot at a quality education and a better life: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the history, mission, and enduring
3 contributions of historically Black colleges and uni-
4 versities to the fabric of the United States;

5 (2) reaffirms the commitment of the Federal
6 Government to ensure the continued success,
7 growth, and sustainability of historically Black col-
8 leges and universities across the country; and

1 (3) requests the Clerk of the House of Rep-
2 representatives to make available enrolled copies of this
3 resolution to each Federal agency that administers
4 programs or partnerships in support of historically
5 Black colleges and universities.

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