

## Senate Resolution 21 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

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1 A Resolution recognizing the impact of the Iowa Tuition  
2 Grant program on Iowa's citizens, towns, and cities,  
3 and honoring the efforts of Governor Robert D. Ray  
4 and the legislative leaders of the 63rd Iowa General  
5 Assembly on the 50th anniversary of the program.  
6 WHEREAS, independent, nonprofit colleges and  
7 universities have been a vital part of Iowa's higher  
8 education community for 180 years; and  
9 WHEREAS, Iowa's proud history of higher education  
10 began in 1839 with the establishment of an independent,  
11 nonprofit institution, St. Raphael Seminary, now Loras  
12 College, in Dubuque; and  
13 WHEREAS, Iowa's 32 independent, nonprofit colleges  
14 and universities welcome students from throughout the  
15 country, today educating more than 50,000 students  
16 at campuses located in 22 towns and cities in this  
17 state; and  
18 WHEREAS, the diversity of Iowa's independent,  
19 nonprofit colleges and universities provides students  
20 the opportunity to find the academic programs and  
21 learning environments best suited to their educational  
22 and career plans; and  
23 WHEREAS, in 1969, the Iowa General Assembly passed,  
24 and Governor Robert D. Ray signed, legislation creating  
25 the Iowa Tuition Grant program to foster greater access

1 for Iowa students to the widest array of educational  
2 choices; and

3 WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Iowa Tuition  
4 Grant program, more than 600,000 grants have been made  
5 to financially eligible Iowa students; and

6 WHEREAS, Iowa's students, communities, and economy  
7 will continue to rely on the valuable partnership  
8 between the state and its independent, nonprofit  
9 colleges and universities, a partnership fostered by  
10 the Iowa Tuition Grant program; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
12 commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Iowa Tuition  
13 Grant program; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate honors the  
15 efforts of Governor Robert D. Ray and the legislative  
16 leaders of the 63rd Iowa General Assembly for their  
17 farsighted action in creating the Iowa Tuition Grant  
18 program.