RESOLUTION OF THE

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Commission in 1984 endorsed the Governor's commitment to improve the quality of education in South Carolina by his initiatives in elementary and secondary education and his support of full formula funding of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, with the public colleges and universities strongly supported and urged the passage of the Education Improvement Act of 1984; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly provided 99% of full formula funding for higher education in 1984-85, and 98% of full formula funding for higher education in 1985-86; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of full formula funding appropriated to higher education has been decreased to 93% in 1986-87 and the allocation for 1987-88 has been decreased to 86%, 14% less than the Commission has determined to be necessary for 1987-88; and

WHEREAS, each 1% decrease in State appropriations to support the formula causes institutional shortfalls which require a 5% increase in student fees to make up the difference, thereby adding to the financial burden of parents and students; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's recommendations for State appropriations, based on the formula, include only the minimum levels of State support necessary for each institution to fulfill its prescribed mission within the State system of higher education; and

WHEREAS, when one segment of the State's educational system suffers, damage is done to the entire system;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Commission respectively request that the 1987 General Assembly provide the total amount necessary to fund 100% of the recommendations for the public colleges and universities based on the Appropriation Formula; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Chairperson and the Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education to appropriate representatives of the executive and legislative branches of State Government.

Adopted by the Commission on Higher Education
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