



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Encouraging the United States Congress to enable deserving students who have been educated in the United States to live, work and attend college legally

WHEREAS, during the past two decades, the growth of the immigrant worker population has led to an increase in the number of undocumented children brought here by their parents; and

WHEREAS, many undocumented children, consider the United States their home and will remain here even though they do not have legal immigration status; and

WHEREAS, many undocumented children have worked their way through elementary and secondary school, often graduating from high school with honors and as valedictorians of their senior classes; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Washington State Legislature passed HB 1079 enabling undocumented children who have lived in our state at least three years to pay resident tuition at our public colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, through the American DREAM Act, most students of good moral character who came to the U.S. before they were sixteen years old and at least five years before the date of the bill's enactment, could earn permanent resident status and work towards citizenship; and

WHEREAS, regarding undocumented students who have lived in the U.S. at least five years and who seek legal status, Washington Governor Christine Gregoire wrote in a 2006 letter to U.S. Senator Patty Murray, "I fully support the inclusion of the DREAM Act provisions that give this opportunity to children who plan to go to college or serve in our armed forces."

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Central Washington University strongly encourages the United States Congress to approve policies such as those contained in the American DREAM Act that enable undocumented students who have been educated in the U.S. for more than five years to live, work and attend college legally, and provide students a path towards U.S. citizenship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitably prepared copies of this resolution be prepared and sent to Washington State's congressional delegation, President George W. Bush, and leaders in the U.S. Congress.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 11, 2007 with a quorum present.

ATTEST: _____ DATE: 5/11/07

Signature

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