



H.Res. 365 – Honoring San Jose State University for its 150 years of commitment to public higher education

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 365 is being considered on the House floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Mike Honda (D-CA) on May 2, 2007. The bill was sent to the House Committee Education and Labor but was never considered.

H.Res. 365 is expected to be considered on the House floor on November 13, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 365 honors San Jose State University for its 150 years of commitment to public higher education.

BACKGROUND

San Jose State University started as Minns Evening Normal School in 1857. The Minns Evening Normal School was created to educate teachers so they, in turn, could teach the growing population of California. The school's successes led to the state Legislature of California providing the establishment of the first California State Normal School in 1862. It was the first State-wide program in California of free instruction to prepare teachers and prospective teachers.

San Jose State University-related spending in the San Francisco Bay Area is an estimated \$479 million, generating a total impact of \$829 million on the region's economy, sustaining 11,000 jobs, and generating \$48 million annually in tax revenue.

San Jose State University ranks tenth in the Nation's top public universities in the total number of minority graduates--African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders, with bachelor's degrees across all disciplines.

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