

1 Introduced January 12, 1999, by Councilman
2 Binder, seconded by Councilman
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6 **RESOLUTION R99-02**
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9 A resolution urging Governor Foster and the Louisiana State Legislature to
10 support and fund the Tuition Opportunity Programs for Students (TOPS).

11 WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana began a program of providing free tuition
12 for first time qualifying freshmen in Louisiana universities; and

13 WHEREAS, the program has been a tremendous success; and

14 WHEREAS, more people are taking advantage of the program which
15 necessitates additional funding; and

16 WHEREAS, the TOPS program is an excellent opportunity for young
17 Louisiana citizens to obtain a college education, and a tremendous incentive to remain in
18 our state to obtain their education; and

19 WHEREAS, the TOPS program will also help foster a better Louisiana higher
20 education program, offer more economic opportunities for our citizens, and help raise our
21 educational level which has notoriously been one of the lowest in the country; and

22 WHEREAS, the TOPS program has offered benefits to more than 22,000 first
23 time freshmen and sophomores statewide; and

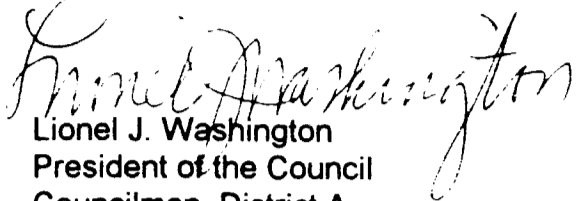
24 The State of Louisiana will accrue multiple benefits from this program in less
25 crime, reduced unemployment and welfare, experience a higher standard of living and
26 quality of life, and other economic advantages.

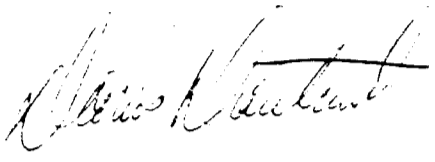
27 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does
28 hereby request the Governor of the State of Louisiana, its local legislative delegation, and
29 the entire Louisiana legislature to fully fund the TOPS program to ensure that all young
30 Louisianans have an opportunity to attend college in the State of Louisiana regardless of
31 their family's financial status, and does further request that funding be set up on an annual
32 basis in the General Fund to ensure the availability of funds for this valuable and
33 worthwhile program.
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ADOPTED this 12th day of January, 1999.


Lionel J. Washington
President of the Council
Councilman, District A



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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council