

1 [Urging Support for the Middle Class Scholarship Act]

2 **Resolution Urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to support the Middle Class**
3 **Scholarship Act proposed by Speaker John A. Perez of the California State Assembly.**

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5 WHEREAS, Students from middle class families are often overlooked, and have great difficulty
6 paying for college; and

7 WHEREAS, Students from higher income families can often afford to cover the tuition and fees
8 for colleges, while students from lower income families can qualify for more financial aid and grants;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Many middle class students rely on student loans to pay for their tuition, and many
11 of them finish school in debt; and

12 WHEREAS, Some middle class students cannot afford to pay for college, and eventually give
13 up on obtaining a higher education; and

14 WHEREAS, The Middle Class Scholarship Plan will allow students from middle class families
15 to attend a University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), or Community College at a
16 lower cost, ensuring that their families can save more money; and

17 WHEREAS, Under the Middle Class Scholarship Act, tuition and fees for college would be cut
18 down by two-thirds for middle class students in the UC and CSU system; and

19 WHEREAS, The Middle Class Scholarship Act would save UC students about \$8,200 a year
20 and CSU students about \$4,000 a year;¹ and

21 WHEREAS, \$150 million would be set aside for Community Colleges to make it more
22 affordable; and

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24 ¹ "Speaker PÃ©rez Launches California Middle Class Scholarship Plan to Cut College Fees by 2/3 - Speaker of
25 the Assembly John A. PÃ©rez - Speaker." *Speaker PÃ©rez Launches California Middle Class Scholarship Plan to Cut College Fees by 2/3*. John A. Perez Press Release, 08 Feb. 2012. Web. 10 Feb. 2012.
<<http://asmdc.org/speaker/news-room/press-releases/item/2762-speaker-perez-launches-california-middle-class-scholarship-plan-to-cut-college-fees-by-2/3>>.

1 WHEREAS, All students with a family income of less than \$150,000 a year would be eligible for
2 this program;² and

3 WHEREAS, This plan would be paid for by closing an out-of-state corporate loop-hole; and

4 WHEREAS, This plan would create more opportunities and freedom for students to reach out
5 for a higher education without having to worry as much about the aftermath of doing so; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Honorable Board of
8 Supervisors and the Mayor to support the Middle Class Scholarship Act, which would make higher
9 education more accessible to middle class students.

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² "Big Savings On College Fees." *Middle Class Scholarship*. 3 Feb. 2012. Web. 10 Feb. 2012.
<<http://asmdc.org/issues/middleclassscholarship/>>.