



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

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RESOLUTION NO. 10-26

WHEREAS, John Klacik, Director of Student Financial Assistance, has for the last 37 years forged a distinguished public service career dedicated to providing increasing levels of financial support for needy college students; and

WHEREAS, John has served for more than 25 years as a senior financial aid administrator for the state of Washington's Higher Education Coordinating Board, and previously worked as the Director of Student Aid at Western Washington University; and

WHEREAS, John Klacik has championed the needs of low-income students with the Legislature and policymakers while helping Washington become third in the nation in need-based funding; and

WHEREAS, John "begat GET" by helping draft the initial legislation establishing the Guaranteed Education Tuition college savings program, which has opened the door to higher education even wider in Washington during the last decade; and

WHEREAS, John Klacik has worked diligently in leadership positions in state, regional, and national professional organizations – including service as president of the National Association of State Student Grant & Aid Programs – to help his colleagues develop their full potential and to advance financial aid practice and policy; and

WHEREAS, The State has greatly benefited from John's dynamic Excel cost models with multiple manipulated variables that legislative staff have come to rely upon; and

WHEREAS, John has overseen the implementation of many new aid programs throughout the years, including the American Indian Endowed Scholarship, the Promise Scholarship, the College Bound Scholarship, and the Passport to College Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, John's long hours and hard work throughout his years at the Higher Education Coordinating Board have not diminished as he approaches retirement — a fact demonstrated by his commitment to the "second shift" that begins with a diet coke at 4:30 p.m.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members and staff of the Higher Education Coordinating Board express their heartfelt gratitude to John Klacik for his outstanding contribution to financial aid, higher education, and the students of Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That John be particularly commended for his contributions to the success and respect of all state student financial aid programs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Board and its staff wish John a happy, fulfilling, and prosperous retirement, which he so richly deserves.

Adopted: November 16, 2010

Attest:

Jesús Hernandez, Chair

Roberta Greene, Secretary