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Order of Business: H.Res. 396 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 396 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Commends the students comprising the first graduating class at the University of California, Merced, the class of 2009, for their pioneering spirit, dedication, efforts, and desire to help establish an institution that puts Merced on the road to opportunity and promises to inspire the educational dreams of young people in this underserved region for generations to come.”

The resolution lists a new of findings including:

- “The University of California system has become one of the largest and most highly acclaimed institutions of higher learning in the world;
- “Founding Chancellor Carol Tomlinson-Keasey, countless individuals, numerous elected officials, and an exceptional team of talented academic and administrative professionals shared a vision and drive to carry forward the University of California’s historic mission of excellence in teaching, research, and public service by assembling to build the Nation’s first major public research university of the 21st century in Merced, California;
- “Half of UC Merced’s students are the first in their families to attend college;
- “UC Merced celebrates having the most ethnically diverse research campus in the Nation;
- “UC Merced increases educational access and opportunities for San Joaquin Valley students and will contribute to enhanced job opportunities, new business development, and economic growth throughout Central California;

- “518 students will comprise the first-ever graduating class from UC Merced on May 16, 2009;
- “First Lady Michelle Obama will honor UC Merced’s first graduating class by delivering the commencement speech; and
- “The class of 2009 helped establish a thriving campus and leave UC Merced highly qualified and ready to make deep and lasting marks in their communities as leaders of the 21st century.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 396 was introduced on May 4, 2009 and referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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