

Washington, DC — The Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education (FUTURE) Act, introduced by Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12), founder and co-chair of the Congressional Bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus and Congressman Mark Walker (NC-6) passed the House today with broad bipartisan support.

The FUTURE Act reauthorizes \$255 million in critical funding for Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) for the next two years, including \$85 million for HBCUs. This legislation provides HBCUs, Tribal Colleges, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and others funding to strengthen STEM programs, improve infrastructure and equip campuses with the technology they need to prepare students for  $21^{18}$  century jobs.

"HBCUs and other minority serving institutions fulfill a critical role ensuring that low-income, first generation college students are not left behind. I founded the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus to advance the interests of our schools and I will keep fighting to ensure that Congress continues to uphold its commitments to these institutions," said Congresswoman Adams. "Now that the House has acted, I urge my Senate colleagues to pass this bill to ensure that HBCUs and other minority serving institutions can continue to provide pathways of opportunity to the nearly star million students they serve."

"We made a promise to serve all of our North Carolina communities and open doors of hope and opportunity. Few institutions assist more in those efforts than the HBCUs, like North Carolina A&T State University, that educate and equip hundreds of thousands of students across the country," said Congressman Walker, "With the successful passage of the FUTURE Act, we are keeping that promise, but more importantly, we are creating a more promising future for our next generation of job-creators, innovators and leaders."

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