Posse Resolution Concerning Retaining the Posse Scholars Contract at Carleton College Passed by CSA Senate on January 25, 2010

Whereas The September 15th, 2008 Convocation at Carleton College spoke to the importance of the Posse Foundation, with the speaker Deborah Bial, president and founder and recipient of the McArthur Genius award for the Posse Foundation. The Posse Foundation is a youth leadership development and college access program that identifies, recruits, and trains youth leaders from urban public high schools and sends these groups as teams, or “posses,” to top colleges and universities around the country; and

Whereas Deborah Bial, president and founder of the Posse Foundation received an honorary degree from Carleton College in Fall 2008 in recognition of her achievements

Whereas President Rob Oden acknowledged that, “The most important idea in higher education in the last three decades is Posse.” The importance of the posses being to maintain retention at these universities and offer a peer support throughout the college experience,

Whereas, the Carleton Student Association, while recognizing the cost of the Posse program to the institution, remains steadfast in the belief that the Posse program adds invaluable benefits to the community.

Whereas Carleton College released the data from its Campus Climate Survey in the fall of 2008 and the responsibilities “to educate talented and diverse students, and we have a strong commitment to underrepresented groups,” stated in Statement on Diversity,

Resolved, the Carleton Student Association Senate requests that that the College to renew the contract for it would further Carleton College’s policies to improve the institution’s diversity and retention of minority students.

Resolved, That the Carleton Student Association Senate, as the representative governing body for all students, requests that Carleton College renew the contract with the Posse Foundation for the next five years.