



*Louisiana's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District*

CONGRESSMAN

CHARLIE  
**MELANCON**

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Helped Pass the College  
Opportunity & Affordability Act**

Expanding College Access  
& Strengthening our Future





## Congressman Charlie Melancon Helped Pass the College Opportunity and Affordability Act

The legislation is the **second major bill** Congressman Melancon has voted for to make **college more affordable and accessible for all students**. Last year, Congress enacted into law a \$20 billion increase in college financial aid over the next five years, the **largest increase in student aid** since the G.I. Bill of 1944.

“Soaring tuition costs are pushing a college education out of reach for many in Louisiana,” Rep. Melancon said. “This legislation will encourage colleges to rein in tuition increases and help families meet the costs of education by making federal financial aid more accessible. Students who work hard shouldn’t be denied a better future just because they can’t afford rising tuition costs.”



Congressman Melancon talks about how Congress is helping students of all ages get ready for higher education with the College Opportunity and Affordability Act.

### THE COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT WOULD:

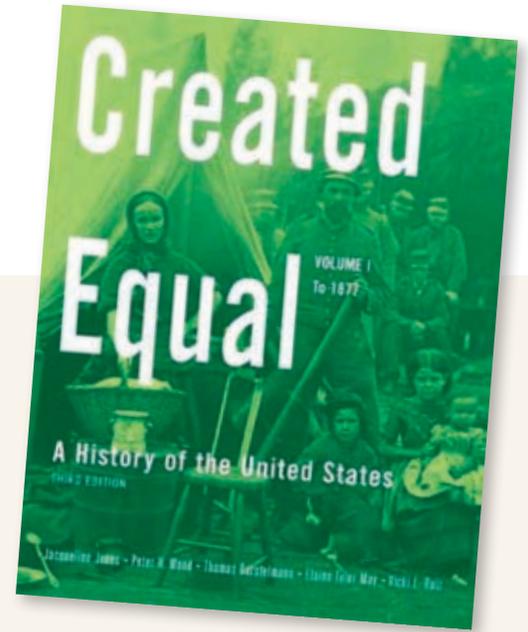
- Streamline the federal student financial aid application process
- Make textbook costs more manageable for students by, among other things, helping them plan for textbook expenses in advance of each semester
- Allow students to receive year-round Pell Grant scholarships
- Strengthen college readiness and support programs for minority and low-income students
- Increase college aid and support programs for veterans and military families
- Improve safety on college campuses and help schools recover and rebuild after a disaster
- Ensure equal college opportunities and fair learning environments for students with disabilities
- Strengthen our nation’s workforce and economic competitiveness by boosting science, technology, and foreign language educational opportunities

## **Congressman Melancon secures Book Collection for Local Libraries honoring Abraham Lincoln**

*Created Equal* collection is part of the upcoming bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth in 2009.

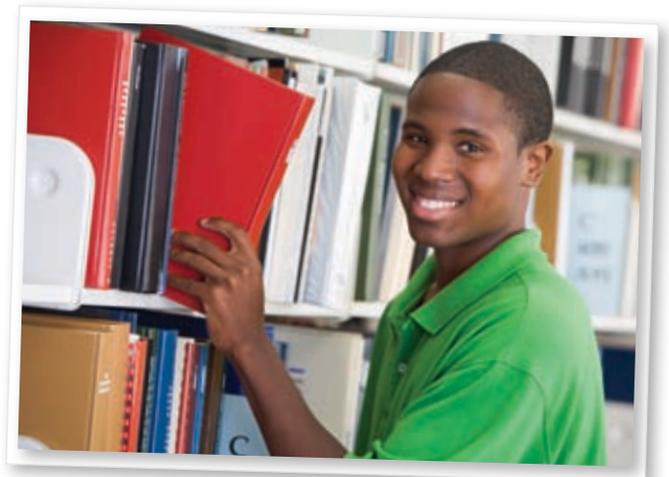
"This book collection will help pass on the American values of equality and compassion to future generations of Louisianians. I thank the National Endowment for the Humanities for awarding this important collection, and encourage families in south Louisiana to visit their local libraries and share these books with their kids."

- Representative Charlie Melancon



## **The following libraries in the Third Congressional District were awarded the We the People Bookshelf collection:**

- South Lafourche Branch Library in Cut Off
- Destrehan High School Library in Destrehan
- Gheens Branch Library in Gheens
- Golden Meadow Branch Library in Golden Meadow
- Bayou Blue Branch Library in Houma
- Larose Branch Library in Larose
- Lockport Branch Library in Lockport
- Lakewood Elementary School Library in Luling
- Raceland Branch Library in Raceland
- Choctaw Branch Library and Martha Sowell Utley
- Memorial Library in Thibodaux





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# CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE MELANCON is working to expand access to education and strengthen the future for Louisiana families.

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