

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29

Rep. Martin offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 2021 as Career and Technical
2 Education Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, A competitive economy requires workers who are
4 prepared for skilled professions; and

5 Whereas, Career and technical education (CTE) training matches
6 employability skills with workforce demand and provides relevant
7 academic and technical coursework leading to industry-recognized
8 credentials for secondary, post-secondary, and adult learners; and

9 Whereas, CTE ensures that competitive and skilled workers are
10 ready, willing, and capable of holding jobs in high-wage, high-
11 skill, and in-demand career fields such as science, technology,
12 engineering, mathematics, nursing, allied health, construction,

1 information technology, energy sustainability, and many other
2 career fields that are vital in keeping Michigan competitive in our
3 global economy; and

4 Whereas, Investing in CTE training for Michigan schools helps
5 meet the very real and immediate challenges of economic
6 development, student achievement, and competitiveness; and

7 Whereas, Providing real-world training to Michigan students
8 during their secondary education gives them experience in multiple
9 career field opportunities, and

10 Whereas, Over 529,000 Michigan job openings are projected
11 annually through the year 2028, with a current average income of
12 \$48,545 per year for skilled trades jobs that do not require a
13 bachelor's degree yet increasingly require some level of
14 postsecondary education; and

15 Whereas, Over 97,000 Michigan high school students
16 participated in CTE during the 2019-2020 school year, and more than
17 95% of Michigan students who focused their education in CTE go on
18 to participate in postsecondary educational opportunities, seek
19 further advanced career and technical education training, volunteer
20 for military service, or find employment within a year of
21 graduation; now, therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
23 this legislative body declare February 2021 as Career and Technical
24 Education Month in the state of Michigan. We urge continued
25 awareness of career and technical training for the students of
26 Michigan to ensure the sustainability of Michigan's workforce for
27 the years to come; and be it further

28 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
29 Governor of Michigan and the State Superintendent.