

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

Reps. Martin, Outman, Woolford, Aragona, Borton, Kuhn, Miller, Koleszar, St. Germaine, Beson, Markkanen, Bohnak, Greene, Kunse, Andrews, Neyer, Schuette, Jenkins-Arno, Fox and Johnsen offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 2025 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,

1 engineering, mathematics, nursing, allied health, construction,
2 information technology, energy sustainability, and many other
3 career fields that are vital in keeping Michigan competitive in our
4 global economy; and

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

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

11 Whereas, Over 529,000 Michigan job openings are projected
12 through the year 2028, with a current median wage of nearly \$59,000
13 per year for skilled trades jobs that do not require a bachelor's
14 degree yet increasingly require some level of postsecondary
15 education; and

16 Whereas, Over 112,000 Michigan high school students were
17 enrolled in CTE during the 2023-2024 school year. More than 95% of
18 Michigan students who focused their education in CTE go on to
19 participate in postsecondary educational opportunities, seek
20 further advanced career and technical education training, volunteer
21 for military service, or find employment within a year of
22 graduation; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
24 this legislative body declare February 2025 as Career and Technical
25 Education Month in the state of Michigan. We urge continued
26 awareness of career and technical training for the students of
27 Michigan to ensure the sustainability of Michigan's workforce for
28 the years to come; and be it further

29 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the

1 Governor of Michigan and the State Superintendent.