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H.C.R. No. 85

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, CTE Letter of Intent Signing Day is held each year at  
2 schools across the country to honor students who have chosen to  
3 pursue career and technical education as a means of acquiring  
4 real-world skills to compete in the workforce; and

5 WHEREAS, Similar to the signing day celebrations that are  
6 held when young athletes declare which college they will attend,  
7 CTE Letter of Intent Signing Day recognizes the important  
8 commitment that career and technical education students are making  
9 by undertaking these studies; and

10 WHEREAS, Around 12.5 million American high school and college  
11 students are enrolled in CTE courses, which encompass a variety of  
12 occupational fields, including agriculture, construction,  
13 manufacturing, computer science, and health care; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to gaining specific career-related  
15 knowledge, participants in CTE programs learn such essential skills  
16 as time management, problem solving, and critical thinking, which  
17 better prepare them for the challenges and opportunities of the  
18 workplace; these programs motivate and engage students by providing  
19 hands-on activities in which they can further their expertise and  
20 interact with community members, potential employers, and students  
21 and teachers who share their vocational interests; and

22 WHEREAS, Career and technical education is offering a path to  
23 success in the 21st-century economy while helping to address the  
24 urgent need for skilled labor in high-demand industries, and it is

1 enabling numerous Texans to secure gainful employment and lead  
2 productive, fulfilling lives; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby designate the first Friday in May as Career and Technical  
5 Education Letter of Intent Signing Day; and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
7 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
8 until the 10th anniversary of the date that this resolution is  
9 finally passed by the legislature.