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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, February 2015 has been designated National Career

and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and

3 Technical Education; and

4 WHEREAS, More than 1.1 million secondary students are

5 enrolled in at least one CTE course in 1,227 school districts and

6 charter schools across the state, and these classes allow students

7 to gain the academic and technological skills necessary for career

8 readiness; furthermore, CTE students can participate in integrated

9 secondary and postsecondary curriculums that better prepare them

10 for college; and

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11 WHEREAS, CTE programs enable students to apply the skills and

knowledge they have acquired to real-world scenarios, and they also

provide students with career exploration opportunities earlier in

14 their educational experience; in addition to equipping

15 participants with the skills to successfully enter high-demand

16 career fields, CTE programs ensure that employers have access to a

17 qualified workforce that can in turn contribute to American

18 economic growth and global competitiveness; and

19 WHEREAS, A vital part of the Texas Foundation High School

20 Program, CTE programs offer students pathways to earn endorsements,

21 performance acknowledgments, and industry validated credentials;

22 additionally, career and technical student organizations such as

23 Business Professionals of America, DECA, FFA, and SkillsUSA instill

24 in their members the values and abilities that will help them become

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- 1 engaged citizens; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Career and technical programs are fostering a
- 3 supportive learning environment that encourages students to
- 4 develop the proficiencies needed to build fulfilling and productive
- 5 lives, and in so doing, they are contributing immeasurably to the
- 6 future prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 8 Legislature hereby recognize February 2015 as National Career and
- 9 Technical Education Month and encourage all Texans to learn more
- 10 about career and technical programs in their communities.

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	Speaker of the House
I certify that H.R. No. 481 was a	adopted by the House on February
12, 2015, by a non-record vote.	
	Chief Clerk of the House