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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 2015 has been designated National Career
2 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

11 WHEREAS, CTE programs enable students to apply the skills and
12 knowledge they have acquired to real-world scenarios, and they also
13 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

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.