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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The celebration of Career and Technical Education
2 Month in February 2019 presents a fitting opportunity to pay
3 tribute to the importance of career and technical education (CTE)
4 in the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, For more than a century, CTE courses have enabled
6 students to gain the academic and technical skills necessary for
7 true career readiness, and today nearly 1.4 million secondary
8 students are enrolled in one or more CTE courses in district and
9 charter schools across the state; these courses constitute a vital
10 part of the Foundation High School Program, which offers students
11 pathways to receive recognized endorsements, performance
12 acknowledgements, and industry-validated credentials; and

13 WHEREAS, CTE also provides students with career
14 possibilities early in their educational experience, allowing them
15 to make informed decisions about their course of study and to enroll
16 in integrated secondary and postsecondary curriculums that
17 significantly contribute to college readiness; and

18 WHEREAS, The state's nine CTE student organizations instill
19 in their members the values, knowledge, and skills required to
20 fully participate in their communities and in their professions as
21 engaged citizens and effective leaders; these groups include the
22 Texas Association of Future Educators, Future Business Leaders of
23 America, Business Professionals of America, the Technology Student
24 Association, DECA, FFA, HOSA, SkillsUSA, and Family, Career and

1 Community Leaders of America; and

2 WHEREAS, Ensuring that employers have access to a qualified
3 workforce is crucial to the state's continued economic growth and
4 global competitiveness, and the CTE students and teachers of Texas
5 are playing a vital role in the future prosperity of the Lone Star
6 State; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 2019 as Career and Technical
9 Education Month in Texas and welcome to the State Capitol the
10 elected leaders of these nine outstanding student organizations.