

H. Res. 930

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

February 25, 2008.

Whereas there are over 15,000,000 secondary and postsecondary career and technical education students in the United States;

Whereas nationwide, there are over 10,000 secondary high schools and career tech centers and over 9,000 postsecondary institutions offering career and technical education programs;

Whereas a competitive global economy requires workers trained in skilled professions;

Whereas career and technical education plays a crucial role in preparing a well-educated and skilled workforce in America;

Whereas career and technical education prepares students for all of the 20 fastest growing occupations identified by the U.S. Department of Labor;

Whereas according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, nearly 75 percent of employers report severe conditions when trying to hire qualified workers and 40 percent say that applicants are poorly skilled;

Whereas students taking career and technical education courses have higher grade point averages in college, are less likely to drop out in high school and college, and

have better employment and earnings outcomes than other students;

Whereas, in 2006, Congress reauthorized with bipartisan support the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, which provides states with Federal resources to support career and technical education programs; and

Whereas the Association for Career and Technical Education has designated February as “Career and Technical Education Month” to celebrate career and technical education across the country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education month;

(2) recognizes the importance of career and technical education in preparing a well-educated and skilled workforce in America; and

(3) encourages educators, counselors, and administrators to promote career and technical education as an option to students.

Attest:

Clerk.