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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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GIRAL, KHAN, FREEMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, CERRATO, DONAHUE, SANCHEZ,  
MALAGARI, COOPER AND PUGH, MARCH 3, 2025

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MARCH 3, 2025

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 4 through 10, 2025, as "Career and  
2 Technology Week" and recognizing May 7, 2025, as "National  
3 Skilled Trades Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Career and technical education provides students  
5 with academic knowledge, technical skills and hands-on training  
6 in a wide range of fields, including health care, information  
7 technology, manufacturing, construction and public services,  
8 preparing them for both college and career pathways; and

9 WHEREAS, Skilled trades and technical fields play a critical  
10 role in driving economic growth, meeting workforce demands and  
11 improving the quality of life for communities across  
12 Pennsylvania; and

13 WHEREAS, There are more than 80 career and technical  
14 education centers across Pennsylvania that offer approved  
15 programs to thousands of students, providing those students with  
16 the necessary skills and training to succeed in high-demand  
17 occupations; and

18 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania, like much of the nation, is

1 experiencing a shortage of skilled workers in essential  
2 industries, including manufacturing, construction, health care,  
3 information technology and transportation, making investment in  
4 career and technical education programs critical to sustaining  
5 and growing this Commonwealth's economy; and

6 WHEREAS, "National Skilled Trades Day" is observed annually  
7 on the first Wednesday in May to honor the contributions of  
8 skilled trades professionals and to raise awareness about the  
9 value of skilled trades careers; and

10 WHEREAS, Aligning "Career and Technology Week" with "National  
11 Skilled Trades Day" creates a unified Statewide celebration of  
12 career and technical education, highlighting the contributions  
13 of educators, students and professionals who advance technical  
14 and skilled trades fields; and

15 WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of career and technical  
16 education and skilled trades at a Statewide level encourages  
17 students to explore diverse pathways, bridges the gap between  
18 education and industry and provides valuable opportunities for  
19 personal and professional growth; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
21 week of May 4 through 10, 2025, as "Career and Technology Week"  
22 and recognize May 7, 2025, as "National Skilled Trades Day" in  
23 Pennsylvania; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
25 vital contributions of career and technical education and  
26 skilled trades professionals to Pennsylvania's economy and  
27 workforce.