

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.29

Reps. Martin, Garza, Green, Haadsma, Sabo and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare February 2021 as Career and Technical  
2 Education Month in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, A competitive economy requires workers who are  
4 prepared for skilled professions; and

5           Whereas, Career and technical education (CTE) training matches  
6 employability skills with workforce demand and provides relevant  
7 academic and technical coursework leading to industry-recognized  
8 credentials for secondary, post-secondary, and adult learners; and

9           Whereas, CTE ensures that competitive and skilled workers are  
10 ready, willing, and capable of holding jobs in high-wage, high-  
11 skill, and in-demand career fields such as science, technology,

1 engineering, mathematics, nursing, allied health, construction,  
2 information technology, energy sustainability, and many other  
3 career fields that are vital in keeping Michigan competitive in our  
4 global economy; and

5       Whereas, Investing in CTE training for Michigan schools helps  
6 meet the very real and immediate challenges of economic  
7 development, student achievement, and competitiveness; and

8       Whereas, Providing real-world training to Michigan students  
9 during their secondary education gives them experience in multiple  
10 career field opportunities, and

11       Whereas, Over 529,000 Michigan job openings are projected  
12 annually through the year 2028, with a current average income of  
13 \$48,545 per year for skilled trades jobs that do not require a  
14 bachelor's degree yet increasingly require some level of  
15 postsecondary education; and

16       Whereas, Over 97,000 Michigan high school students  
17 participated in CTE during the 2019-2020 school year, and more than  
18 95% of Michigan students who focused their education in CTE go on  
19 to participate in postsecondary educational opportunities, seek  
20 further advanced career and technical education training, volunteer  
21 for military service, or find employment within a year of  
22 graduation; now, therefore, be it

23       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
24 this legislative body declare February 2021 as Career and Technical  
25 Education Month in the state of Michigan. We urge continued  
26 awareness of career and technical training for the students of  
27 Michigan to ensure the sustainability of Michigan's workforce for  
28 the years to come; and be it further

29       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the

**1** Governor of Michigan and the State Superintendent.