

No. R-343. House concurrent resolution designating February as Career and Technical Education Month in Vermont.

(H.C.R.261)

Offered by: Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Keenan of St. Albans City, Parent of St. Albans Town, Murphy of Fairfax, Branagan of Georgia, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Connor of Fairfield, Dakin of Chester, Emmons of Springfield, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Savage of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Derby, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Turner of Milton, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Degree and Zuckerman

Whereas, career and technical education offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical, and employability skills necessary for true career readiness, and

Whereas, students in career and technical education programs participate in authentic and meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement, and

Whereas, career and technical education programs enable students to explore future options earlier in their academic experience, and to tailor their coursework accordingly, and

Whereas, leaders from business and industry nationwide report that increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with careers in the critical and growing career and technical education related fields is important, and

Whereas, career and technical education prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials, and

Whereas, ensuring that employers have access to a qualified workforce is a crucial step in promoting Vermont's economic growth and competitiveness, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February as Career and Technical Education Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Education and the Northwest Technical Center.