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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, February 2020 has been designated Career and  
3 Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and  
4 Technical Education; and

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WHEREAS, Career and technical education offers students  
6 the opportunity to gain the academic, technical, and  
7 employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and

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WHEREAS, Students in career and technical education  
9 programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that  
10 improve the quality of their education and increase their  
11 engagement and achievement; and

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WHEREAS, Career and technical education provides students  
13 with career exploration opportunities earlier in their  
14 educational experience, which enables them to make informed and  
15 beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and  
16 pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and

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WHEREAS, Leaders from business and industry nationwide  
18 report increasing challenges related to addressing the skills  
19 gap and connecting qualified professionals with available  
20 careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, including  
21 healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, and

1 information technology; and

2 WHEREAS, Career and technical education prepares students  
3 for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated  
4 programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary  
5 education and lead to the attainment of industry-recognized  
6 credentials; and

7 WHEREAS, Career and technical education programs ensure  
8 that employers have access to a qualified and thriving  
9 workforce, ensuring America has a strong and competitive  
10 economy; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare February of  
13 2020 as Career and Technical Education Month in the State of  
14 Illinois.