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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its
3 ninth anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role that
4 Registered Apprenticeships play in providing opportunities to
5 the people of Illinois by allowing apprentices to earn while
6 they learn and preparing a pathway to good, quality jobs and
7 well-paying careers and the ability to advance in those
8 careers; and

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WHEREAS, The advancement and well-being of Illinois
10 depends upon its ability to expand opportunities in its
11 workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been
12 historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected
13 by persistent poverty and inequality in their chosen fields;
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WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable
16 employers to develop and train their future workforce while
17 offering career seekers affordable paths to secure high-paying
18 jobs; and

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WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely
20 able to meet the changing demands of the economy and provide a
21 path for all qualified individuals, including women, youth,
22 people of color, rural communities, justice-involved

1 individuals, and individuals with disabilities, to become
2 apprentices and contribute to America's industries; and

3 WHEREAS, Illinois recognizes that Registered
4 Apprenticeships, a proven and industry-driven training model,
5 is a key strategy to improving job quality and creating access
6 to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for all, starting with
7 youth and young adults, while addressing some of our nation's
8 pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's
9 infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands,
10 supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our
11 cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Labor is bringing
14 together employers, industry associations, labor
15 organizations, community-based organizations, workforce
16 partners, education providers, and governments to celebrate
17 National Apprenticeship Week from November 13-19, 2023; and

18 WHEREAS, Themes being highlighted for National
19 Apprenticeship Week 2023 include apprenticeships for youth,
20 apprenticeships in new and emerging industries, expanding
21 apprenticeships to underserved populations, women in
22 apprenticeships, and apprenticeships for veterans; therefore,
23 be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we recognize the week of November 13-19, 2023 as National
4 Apprenticeship Week.